

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE**

#### **NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Department of Medicine, Saint Cloud Hospital Medical Staff.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Department of Medicine shall provide quality care for patients, provide educational programs for department members, the Medical Staff, and hospital personnel as necessary, and conduct peer review of activities in order to assure that appropriate treatment is provided by all members of the Medical Staff.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Practitioners who are members in good standing of the Medical Staff shall be eligible to be members of the Department of Medicine. Membership will be limited to those physicians who are eligible to take the Board of Internal Medicine examination, or those physicians who have privileges in the Department of Medicine and limit their practices to Internal Medicine and have education, training and demonstrated competence in the care and management of patients.

The Department of Medicine will recommend membership in the department to the Credentials Committee.

#### **ORGANIZATION**

Officers: There shall be a Chair and Vice Chair whose election, tenure, qualifications, removal, functions and responsibilities are as provided for in the Medical Staff Bylaws (Article 3, Officers). The Vice Chair will represent the Chair in his/her absence.

In addition, the Chair will provide general over-site to the Intensive Care Unit, isolation facilities, and medical floors through close liaison with nursing service leaders and other hospital personnel.

Liaison Members: It is recommended that one (1) member of the department will serve as liaison to the Department of Emergency Medicine and Cardiovascular Services to ensure that adequate supplies and facilities are available in the emergency room for care of medical patients.

## **FUNCTIONS**

Clinical Privileges: Only physicians who are board certified in Internal Medicine and are active members of the Saint Cloud Hospital Medical Staff as of September 15, of any calendar year will be eligible for consultative interpretation of electrocardiograms for the following twelve (12) months. Each eligible member will be allotted an equal amount of time.

Consultation: Members of the Department of Medicine shall provide consultation to all members of the Medical Staff of Saint Cloud Hospital upon request.

Department members are encouraged to obtain consultations and/or referrals from other clinical specialties as appropriate.

It is the duty of the Chair of the Department of Medicine to see that those caring for patients do not fail in the matter of ordering consultations of referrals when they are needed.

Education: The Department of Medicine will be responsible to provide educational programs for the members of the department, for the Medical Staff, and the hospital personnel.

Response Time Exemption: Physicians with dialysis privileges at the Kidney Dialysis sites are exempted from the Bylaws policy regarding the 30 Minute Response Time.

## **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT**

Rules and Regulations shall be submitted and voted upon by the membership. A majority vote is required for adoption or modification. These rules and regulations will be adopted, amended, repealed or added to according to Article 8 of the Medical Staff Bylaws and will become effective when recommended by the Medical Executive Committee of the Medical Staff and approved by the St. Cloud Hospital Advisory Board.

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