

CAPE CORAL HOSPITAL

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

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I. **GENERAL POLICY STATEMENTS**

1M.1 **MEETINGS**

- A. The Medical Department shall hold quarterly meetings at a time and place designated by the Department Chairman.
- B. The staff shall consist of all recognized medical specialists.

1M.2 **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN**

The officer of the Medical Department is the Chairman of the Department. Each chairman shall be elected for a term of two years. Qualifications, selection and tenure shall be as specified by the Bylaws.

1M.3 **ADMISSIONS**

- A. Except in an emergency, no patient shall be admitted into the hospital until a provisional diagnosis has been stated by the physician. In case of emergency, the provisional diagnosis shall be stated as soon after admission is possible.
- B. Physician admitting patients shall be held responsible for issuing proper orders and information as necessary to assure the protection of the patient or other patients in cases where any danger may exist.

1M.4 **EMERGENCY PATIENTS**

All emergency patients admitted into the hospital shall be seen by their physician or the physician on call within a reasonable time.

II. **SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES**

2M.1 Guidelines set out by the Medical Staff for the Department of Medicine Sponsorship Program are listed in the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations under ARTICLE IX - 9.1.

2M.2 **Cardiac Cath Lab**: In the case of specific Cardiac Cath Lab privileges: A new Medical Staff member receiving Cardiac Cath Lab privileges, will be required to report each Cardiac Cath Lab procedure to his/her sponsors. After 10 procedures have been observed by a sponsor, the Provisional Staff member may request release from further observation. If the Provisional Staff member has not been released from Sponsorship observation of 10 cases, and is unable to obtain a sponsor to observe a scheduled case, he/she will be required to have another Active Staff member, with the same privileges, observe the procedure until a total of 10 has been completed.

2M.3 **ERCP's**: Physician must perform a minimum of 25 consecutive ERCP's at Cape Coral Hospital in a two year period, with successful cannulation of the common bile duct in 85% of these procedures in order to apply for Sphincterotomy privileges. After 10 procedures have been performed under direct supervision, the physician may request to be released from further observation based on the

sponsor recommendation. The physician will remain under sponsorship until 25 cases have been performed.

III. **PROVISIONAL STAFF (MEDICINE) PROVIDING ER BACK-UP**

A Provisional Staff member shall take equal rotation of all back-up ER call on the same basis as an Active member in the Department of Medicine.

IV. **LENGTH OF SERVICE - EMERGENCY CALL**

Department of Medicine members may be excused from backup responsibility after fifteen (15) years of service; requests for relief of responsibility shall be directed, in writing, to the Medical Staff Services Office.

V. **EKG PRIVILEGES/INTERPRETATION**

Criteria listed under Medical Staff Rules & Regulations - II.-2.10