

GULF COAST HOSPITAL

DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

900 DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY

901 The Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place designated by the Department Chairman

902 The Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology shall consist of all recognized specialists who limit their practice to Obstetrics/Gynecology.

903 If six (6) or more specialists desire to form a specialty section within the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, they may do so with approval of the Executive Committee. A Chairman will be elected and meetings will be held at least annually. Minutes of specialty section meetings will be taken and forwarded to the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology. The appointees of the specialty department shall attend regularly scheduled Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology meetings.

904 All Active and Provisional Active Medical Staff appointees assigned to the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology shall be encouraged to attend all meetings.

905 The officers of the Department shall be:

- a. A Chairman, whose qualifications, selection, tenure and functions will be as specified in the Medical Staff Organizational Policies.
- b. A Vice Chairman, whose qualifications, selection, tenure and functions will be as specified in the Medical Staff Organizational Policies.

906 Only Active Medical Staff appointees are eligible to vote a Department meetings. All actions of the Department will be decided by majority vote of those Active appointees present and voting except on recommendations for advancement, discipline or expulsion, which will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting with a quorum present. A quorum will be defined as thirty (30) percent of the Active appointees of the Department.

907 Physicians admitting patients will be responsible for issuing proper orders and information necessary to protect the patient and other patients in cases where danger exists.

908 ABORTIONS:

- A. It shall be the policy of the Hospital that interruption of pregnancy by a physician performing or in charge of the procedure shall be in accordance with the following:
 1. Incomplete spontaneous abortion shall require medical indications as evaluated by a physician appointee to the Medical Staff.
 2. Therapeutic abortions performed in the first trimester shall be at the request of the patient and with the approval of her physician.
 3. Therapeutic abortions performed in the second trimester:

- a. Vaginal approach, including hypertonic solution induction, shall require consultation with two (2) physician appointees to the Medical Staff.
- b. Abdominal approach shall require consultations with (2) physician appointees to the Medical Staff.

Therapeutic abortions in the third trimester shall not be performed.