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Developing a governing body system or bylaws with specific responsibilities and procedures has many advantages:

- It ensures that the mission of the organization will continue to be well-understood by those who are in a position to further it
- It helps to pave a smoother relationship between the board and other stakeholders including staff members.
- Select the executive staff through an appropriate process
- Provide ongoing support and guidance for the executive
- Ensure effective organizational planning
- Ensure adequate resources and their efficient utilization
- Determine and monitor the quality of services
- Assess its own performance

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## LD.2 A qualified hospital director is responsible for managing the hospital.

- LD.2.1 The hospital director is qualified in healthcare management by education, training or experience.
- LD.2.2 The hospital director has a good command of the English language.
- LD.2.3 The hospital director ensures the hospital's compliance with all relevant laws and regulations.
- LD.2.4 The hospital director ensures the recruitment and selection of competent and skilled hospital staff.
- LD.2.5 The hospital director is accountable to the governing body for the clinical performance and professional conduct of the hospital staff.
- LD.2.6 The hospital director ensures the implementation of the policies set by the governing body.
- LD.2.7 The hospital director participates actively in supporting the safety of patients, staff and visitors (e.g. through leadership safety rounds, review of reported incidents).
- LD.2.8 The hospital director identifies and works closely with other hospital leaders, collectively constituting the hospital leadership group.
- LD.2.9 The hospital director ensures appropriate response to reports or enquiries from relevant authorities including accreditation agencies.
- LD.2.10 The hospital director ensures the availability of adequate resources (e.g. human resources, equipment, supplies, and medications).
- LD.2.11 The hospital director ensures all physical properties are kept in a good state of repair and operating conditions.
- LD.2.12 The hospital director ensures the efficient utilization of all resources.