

Medical Staff Standard Intents

MS.1 The organization, functions, and responsibilities of the medical staff are documented and communicated to all medical staff members.

- MS.1.1 The hospital has medical staff bylaws that govern the organization, functions, and responsibilities of the medical staff.
 - MS.1.2 Medical staff bylaws are approved by the governing body.
 - MS.1.3 Medical staff bylaws are consistent with acceptable medical staff practices and laws and regulations.
 - MS.1.4 Medical staff bylaws describe the organizational structure of the medical staff and the reporting relationships, including all medical departments and committees.
 - MS.1.5 Medical staff bylaws address:
 - MS.1.5.1 The medical staff ranking and the qualifications required for each rank.
 - MS.1.5.2 Categories of the medical staff membership (e.g., full time, part time, and locum).
 - MS.1.5.3 Roles and responsibilities of the medical staff members.
 - MS.1.5.4 Appointment, promotion, and reappointment of medical staff members.
 - MS.1.5.5 The process for verification of the medical staff credentials.
 - MS.1.5.6 Granting and maintaining clinical privileges, including temporary privileges (e.g., for locums and emergency situations).
 - MS.1.5.7 Disciplinary procedures for medical staff members, including corrective actions and appeals.
 - MS.1.6 Medical staff bylaws describe the acceptable standards of patient care and professional conduct, including:
 - MS.1.6.1 Admission, referral, transfer, and discharge processes.
 - MS.1.6.2 Documentation in medical records.
 - MS.1.6.3 The conduct of care expected for all levels of medical staff (e.g., daily rounds).
 - MS.1.6.4 The professional conduct (e.g., handling ethical issues) of the medical staff.
 - MS.1.7 The medical director and heads of medical departments ensure the medical staff bylaws are made accessible and communicated to all members of the medical staff.
 - MS.1.8 The medical director and heads of medical departments enforce the medical staff bylaws along with relevant rules and regulations.
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