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  - MS.12.6 The mortality and morbidity committee recommends actions for improvement and evaluates their effectiveness.
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**Standard Intent:**

The hospital mortality and morbidity committee must be chaired by the medical director or a designee. It reviews mortalities in the hospital and the unusual or unexpected adverse outcomes of care and receives cases for review from various sources (e.g., referral from the clinical departments, patient complaints, and the medical director). The committee should evaluate cases for effectiveness, timeliness and appropriateness of care and recommend actions for improvement and evaluates their effectiveness.

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**MS.13 The hospital has a medical records review committee.**

- MS.13.1 There is a medical records review committee with members representing the medical staff, the nursing staff and other professionals privileged to write in the medical record.
- MS.13.2 The medical records review committee oversees and monitors the documentation in medical records for quality, completeness, and timeliness.
- MS.13.3 The medical records review committee regularly reviews a sample (e.g., 5% on a quarterly basis) of the medical records of discharged and in-patients for:
  - MS.13.3.1 History and physical examination.
  - MS.13.3.2 Assessment upon admission.
  - MS.13.3.3 Progress notes.
  - MS.13.3.4 Plan of care.
  - MS.13.3.5 Operative reports.
  - MS.13.3.6 Histopathology reports.
  - MS.13.3.7 Laboratory results.
  - MS.13.3.8 Radiology reports.
  - MS.13.3.9 Discharge summary.
- MS.13.4 The medical records review committee recommends actions for improvement and evaluates their effectiveness.