

<b>Title:</b>	Operating Room Committee		
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## SECTION 1 – POLICY

### 1.1 Policy Statement

The Operating Room (OR) Committee is an interdisciplinary committee charged with coordination and standardization of care of patients undergoing surgical or other invasive procedures. The OR Committee oversees clinical practice related to pre, peri, and post procedure care. The specific areas of surgical services include the main OR, PACU, and Endoscopy Lab.

### 1.2 Purpose

The OR Committee oversees the equitable distribution of resources, including OR time, within the operative areas to meet the needs of surgical patients with a focus on patient safety, quality of care, patient satisfaction, and fiscal responsibility. The ORC has the authority to establish clinical procedures and policy within the Operating Rooms, and recommend policy related to those procedures outside of the OR.

The OR Committee has broad based oversight of the operating room functions. The goal is to provide care that is safe, effective, patient centered, timely, efficient, and equitable. Any matter of importance to a highly functioning operating room can be brought before the committee

## SECTION 2 – COMMITTEE

### 2.1 Composition

2.1.1 The Department of Surgery Chair chairs the OR Committee of their primary campus and may designate a chair for the OR Committee at the other campus. The Chair of the OR Committee at each campus assigns the membership rather than the Chief of Staff. If the Department of Surgery Chair is not a surgeon or an anesthesiologist, the Chief of Staff will assign a surgeon or an anesthesiologist as Chair.

2.1.2 The OR Committee will be composed of at least five (5) members of the Active

Medical Staff in the Department of Surgery who represent a cross section of the surgical specialties, one of whom must be an anesthesiologist.

- 2.1.3 The Nurse Manager of the Operating Room and the Director of Surgical Services will be included as non-voting members.

## **2.2 Duties**

### **2.2.1 The OR Committee:**

- A. Develops, establishes, and oversees appropriate policies related to the function of surgical services;
- B. Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of surgical services;
- C. Oversees and manages the allocation of the block schedule to improve utilization and provide increased access for surgeons to schedule cases;
- D. Reviews the written policies and procedures for surgical services as needed and recommends changes in procedures as necessary;
- E. Provides input for the review and evaluation of the quality and appropriateness of services provided in the surgical services area;
- F. Provides guidance and direction to the surgical services staff in the solution of problems;
- G. Makes recommendations and oversees the equitable distribution of resources within the operative areas.
- H. Performs other related duties as directed by the Department of Surgery, the Performance Improvement Committee or the Medical Executive Committee.

## **2.3 Meetings**

The OR Committee meets monthly, bimonthly, or as deemed necessary by the OR Committee Chair, maintains a permanent record of its proceedings and actions, and reports to the Medical Executive Committee.