

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Saint Cloud Hospital Medical Staff.

PURPOSE

The Department of Orthopedic Surgery shall provide quality care for orthopedic surgery patients, provide educational programs for department members, the Medical Staff, and hospital personnel as necessary, and conduct peer review of activities in order to assure that appropriate treatment of orthopedic surgery patients is provided by all members of the Medical Staff.

MEMBERSHIP

Practitioners and podiatrists who are members in good standing of the Medical Staff shall be eligible to be members of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. Membership will be limited to those physicians, who are eligible to take the Board of Orthopedic Surgery examination, or those physicians who have privileges in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and limit their practices to Orthopedic Surgery and have education, training and demonstrated competence in the care and management of patients.

Special Conditions for Podiatric Privileges:

All Podiatric patients shall receive the same basic medical appraisal as patients admitted to other surgical services. A physician member of the medical staff shall be responsible for the care of any medical problem that may be present at the time of admission or that may arise during the hospitalization and shall determine the risk, effect and appropriateness of the proposed surgical procedure on the total health status of the patient.

The Department of Orthopedic Surgery will recommend membership in the department to the Credentials Committee.

ORGANIZATION

Officers: There shall be a Chair and Vice Chair whose election, tenure, qualifications, removal, functions and responsibilities are as provided for in the Medical Staff Bylaws (Article 3, Officers). The Vice Chair will represent the Chair in his/her absence.

FUNCTIONS

Consultation: Members of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery shall provide consultation to all members of the Medical Staff of Saint Cloud Hospital upon request.

Department members are encouraged to obtain consultations and/or referrals from other clinical specialties as appropriate.

It is the duty of the Chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery to see that those providing Orthopedic Surgery services to patients do not fail in the matter of ordering consultations of referrals when they are needed.

Education: The Department of Orthopedic Surgery will be responsible to provide educational programs for the members of the department, for the Medical Staff, and the hospital personnel.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (A) **Infected Cases:** Infected cases will be handled in keeping with the appropriate standards of medical care in view of the disastrous consequences of infection in orthopedic surgical cases. Open draining wounds will be isolated immediately if a surgical pathogen is suspected and transferred to an appropriate room in the hospital as soon as feasible if culture studies indicate a transmissible infection. Other infections creating a hazard to surgical patients must be appropriately isolated.
- (B) **Orthopedic Implants:** Surgical implants used in the practice of orthopedics shall be only those acquired with the approval of the responsible surgeon.
- (C) **Non-Orthopedic Patients:** Policies regarding placement of non-orthopedic patients on the orthopedic ward will be subject to the approval of the department.
- (D) **Matters of Hospital Planning:** The department will serve as a consultant to the administration in all matters relating to orthopedic care in hospital planning. Specifically, the department will participate in budgetary planning and will join in approval of the final annual budget as relates to the Orthopedic Department.

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

Rules and Regulations shall be submitted and voted upon by the membership. A majority vote is required for adoption or modification. These rules and regulations will be adopted, amended, repealed or added to according to Article 8 of the Medical Staff Bylaws and will become effective when recommended by the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff and approved by the Board of Directors.

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