

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICES & VASCULAR SURGERY**

#### **NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Department of Cardiovascular Services & Vascular Surgery, Saint Cloud Hospital.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Department of Cardiovascular Services & Vascular Surgery shall provide quality care for patients with cardiovascular disease, 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 cardiovascular disease is provided by all members of the Medical Staff.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Practitioners who are members in good standing of the Medical Staff shall be eligible to be members of the Department of Cardiovascular Services & Vascular Surgery.

Membership is limited to those physicians who are eligible to take the Board of Cardiovascular Disease or Board of Thoracic Surgery examination, diplomats of the Board of Cardiovascular Disease or Board of Thoracic Surgery, or those physicians who have privileges in the Department of Cardiovascular Services and limit their practices to cardiovascular disease and have education, training and demonstrate competence in the care and management of patients with cardiovascular disease.

The Department of Cardiovascular Services & Vascular Surgery will recommend membership in the department to the Credentials Committee.

The Departments of Medicine, Anesthesia and Family Practice will designate one (1) of their members to serve one (1) year term in the department with full voting privileges. These members are responsible for communications between their departments and that of Cardiovascular Services & Vascular Surgery.

#### **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).

In addition, the Chair will provide professional supervision of the Coronary Care Unit, Telemetry, Invasive Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgical Unit, Cardiac Rehab and Cardiac Diagnostic Services through close liaison with nursing service leaders and other hospital personnel.

## **FUNCTIONS**

**Clinical Privileges:** Only those physicians who are Board Certified or Board Eligible in Cardiovascular Diseases or those physicians who are Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine as of September 15, of any calendar year will be eligible to execute a billing contract with the hospital for consultative interpretation of electrocardiograms for the following twelve (12) months. Each eligible member will be allotted an equal amount of time.

**Consultation:** Members of the Department of Cardiovascular Services & Vascular 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 Cardiovascular Services & Vascular Surgery to see that those caring for patients with cardiovascular disease do not fail in the matter of calling consultations when they are needed.

Policy for On-Call Availability for Thoracic Aorta Emergencies - St. Cloud Hospital does not presently have the appropriate personnel and resources for acute surgical treatment of thoracic aortic emergencies. St. Cloud Hospital, therefore, does not accept such patients except as circumstances dictate for diagnosis, initial stabilization and transfer.

To expedite appropriate transfer, St. Cloud Hospital, will maintain transfer agreements with one or more regional referral hospitals for these conditions.

St. Cloud Hospital cares for all patients regardless of race, creed, gender, age or payment source in compliance with Federal COBRA/EMTALA laws.

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

## **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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