

#### **Department of Pediatrics** Rules and Regulations

# ARTICLE I Organization

- 1.1 The Chair of the Department shall appoint a vice-chair of the department.
- 1.2 The Department of Pediatrics will include physicians and practitioners granted privileges in:
  - a) General Pediatrics including care of newborns
  - b) Pediatric Subspecialties including, but not limited to, Neonatology, Pediatric Cardiology, Pediatric Gastroenterology, and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. Pediatric surgical subspecialties will be governed by the Department of Surgery.

### ARTICLE II Authority, Duties, and Responsibilities

- 2.1 The Chair's authority, duties and responsibilities are outlined in Section 8.5-5 of the Medical Staff Bylaws. The qualifications, selection, term of office and removal of the chair are outlined in Section 8.5-1 through 8.5-4 of the Medical Staff Bylaws.
- 2.2 The Chair of the Department shall appoint a Vice-Chair of the Department
- 2.3 The vice chair will be responsible for administration of the department in the absence of the chair.
- 2.4 The Chair's election will be approved by the Medical Executive Committee
- 2.5 The Department Chair, or his/her designee, shall insure timely ongoing assessment of the quality of care (OPPE) through; routine quality review activities and investigation of referrals from members of the Medical Staff or Administration or from the appropriate Department Director(s). Routine quality review activities will include, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Invasive procedures review, medication usage evaluation, blood usage review, and medical records timeliness and clinical pertinence review;
  - b. Other routine reviews of anesthesia-related issues including:
    - 1. Complications;
    - 2. Mortality;
    - 3. Infection control;
    - 4. Risk management, including sentinel events;
    - 5. Comparative outcome data;
    - 6. Regulatory and accreditation results
    - 7. Ethics considerations
    - 8. Patient satisfaction feedback

# ARTICLE III Meetings

- 3.1 The chair shall invite members of the Department of Pediatrics who are in the Active and Associate categories to attend the Department of Pediatrics meeting.
- 3.2 The presence of 2 voting members of the department shall constitute a quorum.
- 3.3 A majority of the Active and Associate Staff that are in attendance at the meeting may approve action.

### ARTICLE IV ED Call

- 4.1 Emergency Room Call is mandatory for general pediatrics and newborns unless otherwise covered voluntarily.
- 4.2 When call is mandatory, exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis when requested in writing to the Pediatric Department Chairman and approved by the Medical Executive Committee. Exemptions will be considered for physicians who provide a necessary service to BEMC, but due to extenuating circumstances, are unable to take call. If circumstances change, exemptions will be reconsidered.
- 4.3 The Nursery Call rotation is mandatory and will include all physicians who hold newborn privileges. Pediatric subspecialists will not be required to take general pediatric or newborn call. If circumstances change, which require subspecialty call coverage, the department will re-evaluate this call requirement based on needs and resources.

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