

CRITICAL CARE COMMITTEE

MEC Approved Charter

COMPOSITION

The Critical Care Committee shall be a subcommittee of the Medical Executive Committee composed of not fewer than (6) Active Members of the Medical Staff, including the Clinical Chiefs of the Divisions of Surgical Critical Care, Pulmonary Critical Care, Pediatric Critical Care, and Anesthesia Critical Care, and the Medical Directors of each Medical Center ICU and Infection Control. In light of the multidisciplinary, collaborative nature of Critical Care, members will also include the Nursing Directors for Medicine/Surgery, Trauma, Cardiac, and Pediatrics, the nurse managers of each ICU, Respiratory Therapy and Pharmacy. Additional members will be appointed at the discretion of the Chair as appropriate.

SCOPE

The Critical Care Committee will be responsible for critical care related operational and performance issues of the medical center across departments, patient demographics and physical location.

DUTIES

The Critical Care Committee shall:

- (a) Serve as a multidisciplinary forum to develop, initiate, coordinate, sustain and be responsible for efforts to improve quality of clinical care, patient safety, and enhancement of resource utilization across all medical center critical care units;
- (b) Review clinical, operational and financial data to identify quality and performance improvement opportunities for critical care;
- (c) Develop, modify, and approve policies, procedures, guidelines, protocols and order sets related to critical care practice to reflect current evidenced-based best practice that will enhance clinical care, resource utilization, education, and financial performance of critical care units;
- (d) Promote standardization, where appropriate, of clinical care processes, and resources across Critical Care Units, and ensure unique, specialized care capabilities where appropriate.
- (e) Provide recommendations and action plans to the medical center regarding policies and procedures and capital expenditures that impact critical care;
- (f) Identify and promote the development and implementation of educational opportunities related to critical care;
- (g) Provide medical and nursing leadership to facilitate compliance of policies and practice with Joint Commission and other regulatory agencies;
- (h) Assure adherence to the Medical Staff bylaws and hospital policies as they relate to critical care.

MEETINGS

The Critical Care Operations Committee will meet at least 10 times per year. Attendance and minutes will be maintained for each meeting.