

**Title: Joint Medical Staff Peer Review Committees**

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**POLICY:**

1. The Peer Review Committee's identified below are joint committees between Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center – Mishawaka and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center – Plymouth to form:
  - a. Medical Review Committee
  - b. Obstetrics Review Committee
  - c. Surgical Review Committee
  
2. Composition:
  - a. The composition of each of these committees include at least one member from each entity for a minimum total of 6 provider members. The Director of Physician and Provider Quality and Clinical Quality Improvement Analyst are members of the committee without vote. Ad hoc members will include at least one Administrator in addition. Non-physician members may be excused, at the discretion of the chairperson, from deliberations regarding physician performance.
  - b. The appointment and removal of the Peer Review Committee members shall be governed by the respective Medical Staff Bylaws.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. The Peer Review Committees are peer review committees of the medical staff and shall:
  - a. review professional performance including the assessment and improvement of the quality of care, treatment, and services provided.
  - b. review, as may be requested, all information available regarding the current clinical competence and behavior of persons performing procedures and, as a result of such review, make a report of its findings and recommendations to the appropriate Department Chair.
  
2. The above entities agree to use their individual and collective resources to review the quality of care of providers credentialed by the individual medical staffs and, specifically, to achieve a higher degree of excellence in patient care.
  
3. Each entity may withdraw from a joint Peer Review Committee at any time with 30 days prior notice. New entities may be added to a Committee upon unanimous approval of all currently participating entities.
  
4. This Committee will operate to the full extent provided by law and the individual Medical Staff Bylaws. This Committee is required to maintain all information in strict confidence in accordance with applicable Indiana law, including but not limited to, Indiana Code 34-30-15-1 et. seq. or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent state or federal statute providing protection to peer review or related activities.

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5. Immunity and confidentiality as per legal guidance available upon request.

**REFERENCES/STANDARDS:**

- Resource: Protection of the Peer Review Immunity and Indemnity Privileges as per SJHS legal guidance; attached
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