

**Title: EMERGENCY SERVICE (ERS) CALL**

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**POLICY:**

1. To ensure that the Emergency Department is prospectively aware of which physicians, including specialist and sub-specialists are available to provide treatment necessary to stabilize individuals with emergency medical conditions.
2. **PARTICIPATION:**
  - A To ensure that the Emergency Department is prospectively aware of which physicians, including specialist and sub-specialists, are available to provide treatment necessary to stabilize individuals with emergency medical conditions.
  - B The Medical Staff Executive Committee in conjunction with Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Plymouth Administration will periodically assess organizational needs relative to on call physician coverage. Considerations related to this determination include:
    - 1) Patient Population
    - 2) Specialty Services provided; and
    - 3) Number of each type of specialty physician available to provide call coverage
  - C A system is available that allows SJRMC Plymouth staff to be aware of which physicians are designated for on call coverage.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. The Medical Executive Committee along with Administration may periodically review and approve the list of specialties to be included/ required to be listed on in the on call schedule. Frequency and availability of physicians for call will be mutually agreed upon between Administration and the physician involved/physician group.
- B. Monthly on call schedules will be provided to the Emergency Department designee one (1) week prior to the start of the next month.
- C. The on call schedule will be maintained and updated in the Emergency Department.
- D. It is the responsibility of the physician to make arrangements for coverage if he or she will not be available on the date scheduled.
- E. When a physician is designated on the on call schedule for a given specialty, it is the duty and responsibility of that physician to assure immediate availability to the Emergency Department physician for his/her scheduled coverage. In the event that he/she is temporarily unavailable, the physician shall notify the Emergency Department and specify the period for which he/she is unavailable and will be available again in the future.

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**References/Standards:**

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