

Title: CONTINUOUS CARE & SUPERVISION OF PATIENTS

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POLICY:

1. Medical Staff members and Nurse Midwives are obligated to provide continuous care and supervision of their patients.

PROCEDURE:

- A. Admitted patients to the Medical Center shall be evaluated by their attending physician or Nurse Midwife on a daily basis.
- B. In the event that the attending physician or Nurse Midwife is not available, this daily evaluation may be delegated to a member of the medical staff or Nurse Midwife with similar privileges. (Allied Health Professionals are not considered qualified delegates for this purpose.)
- C. There shall be a daily entry by the attending physician or the Nurse Midwife (or their delegate) in the Physician Progress Notes.

References/Standards:

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