

MEDICAL STAFF REVIEW BOARD CHARGE

Purpose:

The Medical Staff Review Board plays a critical role in the evaluation and correction of significant adverse events and peer review cases.

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1. Reviews investigation of all significant and sentinel events:
 - ✓ Endorses or modifies action plans to be sent to line managers
 - ✓ Reports regularly and by exception to the Chief Medical Officer and the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff

2. As set forth by the Medical Staff Review Board, peer review activities will be used to establish an objective evaluation of medical practice, provide information for assessing physician competency, and identifying system-wide performance improvement opportunities.

3. Review of individual cases (or adverse data) may be performed by individuals, a panel of physicians, or other healthcare affiliates of the medical staff. An interdepartmental peer review body may be required in certain cases for comprehensive review. One such interdepartmental peer review body is the Medical center Peer Review Committee, a subcommittee of the Medical Staff Review Board. The following types of reviews may be conducted:
 - All in-hospital deaths as determined by the Chair of the committee
 - An unusual adverse individual case or clinical pattern of care including substantiated staff concerns related to a practitioner's clinical skill and performance
 - Any event that involves clinical practice that may lie outside acceptable standards directly related to practitioner-specific issues if indeterminate in the preliminary review of the event.
 - Any and all deliberations discussed and conducted at the Peer Review Committee are deemed privileged and confidential as set forth under the Illinois Medical Studies Act. Recommendations for corrective action are forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer and the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff.

4. Reviews the trends in medical malpractice claims and potentially compensable events and makes recommendations to the Chief Medical Officer and Executive Committee of the Medical Staff.

5. Directs referral of physicians coping with the impact of adverse events to the Medical Center Peer Support Consultation Service as part of the Medical Staff Quality Improvement efforts. Emotional support is provided to these physicians to reduce psychological distress and the subsequent incidence of errors.