



**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PRACTICE
RULES AND REGULATIONS
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ARTICLE I - RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The goal of the Department of Family Practice at Torrance Memorial Medical Center is the maintenance of high standards of medical, surgical, physical, and psychological care of the patient. To that end, the Department will conduct discussions, educational programs and continuing review. It will also make recommendations and suggestions to the Medical Executive Committee of the Medical Staff and to the Hospital Administration.
2. The Department recognizes the importance of considering the needs and wishes of the patient and the patient's family, especially when a difficult decision is to be made regarding the assessment and disposition of the patient. The Family Practitioner is uniquely qualified to lead the conference with consultants, the family and the patient to arrive at that decision. The Department encourages such leadership by the Family Practitioner.
3. The Department shall consist of an elected Chief and members of the Department of Family Practice. The Chief will be elected each year by the members of the Department as specified by the Medical Staff Bylaws of Torrance Memorial Medical Center. The Chief will be nominated annually by the Department.
4. The Chief of Department will appoint chairmen of subcommittees, as necessary.
5. Membership in the Department shall be open to physicians, M.D. or D.O. who are able to demonstrate abilities and competency in the specialty of Family Practice, and who provide high quality, continuing care for their patients. Clinical privileges and qualifications are found on the Clinical Privilege Application Card.
6. Ongoing peer review of members shall occur to assure patient safety and high quality of care.
7. One of the major objectives of the Department is continuing education in all facets of Family Practice. The Committee will work in conjunction with the Medical Education Committee.
8. The Department encourages consultation in difficult cases and practitioners having difficulty in obtaining consultations should contact the Chief of the Department.
9. The Department shall review these rules and regulations as often as necessary to reflect changes in medical care and Hospital requirements.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITION OF ACTIVITY

See Medical Staff Bylaws.

ARTICLE III - CRITERIA FOR CONSULTATION

Consultation is specially urged in the presence of the following conditions:

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| 1. Renal failure | 7. Gastrointestinal hemorrhage |
| 2. Complicated cardiac conditions | 8. Uncontrolled seizures |
| 3. Unexplained jaundice | 9. Severe or unexplained
bleeding or anemia |
| 4. Unexplained coma | 10. Fever of undetermined origin |
| 5. Complicated poisoning | 11. Respiratory insufficiency |
| 6. Bacterial endocarditis | |

The above listing is not all-inclusive. Consultation should be sought for the above conditions and any other seriously ill patient where consultation, in the judgment of the responsible physician, would be consistent with acceptable patient care.