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Section 70539@ Pediatric Service Staff

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(a)

A physician shall have overall responsibility for the pediatric service. This physician shall be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Pediatrics. If such a pediatrician is not available, a physician with training and experience in pediatrics may administer the service. In this circumstance, a pediatrician, qualified as above, shall provide consultation at a frequency which will assure high quality service.

(b)

A registered nurse who has had training and experience in pediatric nursing shall be responsible for the nursing care and nursing management in the pediatric service.

(c)

In addition to the above, there shall be a registered nurse present on each shift with responsibility for patient care.

(d)

There shall be sufficient other staff to provide adequate care.

(e)

There shall be evidence of continuing education and training for the nursing staff in pediatric nursing.