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Section 70706@ Interdisciplinary Practice and Responsibility for Patient Care

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(a)

In any facility where registered nurses will perform functions requiring standardized procedures pursuant to Section 2725 of the Business and Professions Code, or in which licensed or certified healing arts professionals who are not members of the medical staff will be granted privileges pursuant to Section 70706.1 there shall be a Committee on Interdisciplinary Practice established by and accountable to the Governing Body, for establishing policies and procedures for interdisciplinary medical practice.

(b)

The Committee on Interdisciplinary Practice shall include, as a minimum, the director of nursing, the administrator or designee, and an equal number of physicians appointed by the Executive Committee of the medical staff, and registered nurses appointed by the director of nursing. When the hospital has a psychiatric unit and one or more clinical psychologists on its medical staff, one or more clinical psychologists shall be appointed to the Committee on Interdisciplinary Practice by the Executive Committee of the medical staff. Licensed or certified health professionals other than registered nurses who are performing or will perform functions as in (a) above shall be included in the Committee.

(c)

The Committee on Interdisciplinary Practice shall establish written policies and procedures for the conduct of its business. Policies and procedures shall include but not be limited to: (1) Provision for securing recommendations from members of the medical staff in the medical specialty, or clinical field of practice under review, and from persons in the appropriate nonmedical category who practice in the clinical field or specialty under review. (2) Method for the approval of standardized procedures in accordance with Sections 2725 of the Business and Professions Code in which affirmative approval of the administrator or designee and a majority of the physician members and a majority of the registered nurse members would be required and that prior to such approval, consultation shall be obtained from facility staff in the medical and nursing specialties under review. (3) Providing for maintaining clear lines of responsibility of the nursing service for nursing care of patients and of the medical staff for medical services in the facility. (4) Intended line of approval for each recommendation of the Committee.

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Provision for securing recommendations from members of the medical staff in the medical specialty, or clinical field of practice under review, and from persons in the appropriate nonmedical category who practice in the clinical field or specialty under review.

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Method for the approval of standardized procedures in accordance with Sections 2725 of the Business and Professions Code in which affirmative approval of the administrator or designee and a majority of the physician members and a majority of the registered nurse members would be required and that prior to such approval, consultation shall be obtained from facility staff in the medical and nursing specialties

under review.

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Providing for maintaining clear lines of responsibility of the nursing service for nursing care of patients and of the medical staff for medical services in the facility.

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Intended line of approval for each recommendation of the Committee.