

70911 Perinatal Unit Staff

Section 70549 shall be replaced by the following:

(a)

A physician shall have overall responsibility of the unit. This physician shall be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecologists or the American Board of Pediatrics. If a physician with one of the above qualifications is not available, a physician with training and experience in obstetrics and gynecology or pediatrics may administer the service. In this circumstance, a physician with the above qualifications shall provide consultation at a frequency which will assure high quality service. The physician responsible for the unit shall be responsible for: (1) Providing continuous obstetric, pediatric, anesthesia, laboratory and radiologic coverage. (2) Maintaining working relationships with intensive care newborn nursery. (3) Providing for joint staff conferences and continuing education of respective medical specialties.

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(b)

A physician who has training and experience in newborn care shall be responsible for the nursery.

(c)

There shall be one registered nurse trained in infant resuscitation on duty on each shift assigned to the labor and delivery suite. In addition, there shall be sufficient trained personnel to assist the family, provide family education, monitor and evaluate labor, assist with the delivery and assist the patient during the post-partum period.

(d)

If the hospital has a nursery, a registered nurse who has had training and experience in neonatal nursing shall be responsible for the nursing care in the nursery. (1) A registered nurse trained in infant resuscitation shall be on duty on each shift. (2) A ratio of one licensed nurse to eight or fewer infants shall be maintained for normal infants.

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There shall be evidence of continuing education and training programs for the nursing staff in perinatal nursing and infection control.