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§482.51(a) Standard: Organization and Staffing

The organization of the surgical services must be appropriate to the scope of the services offered.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.51(a)

When the hospital offers surgical services, the hospital must provide the appropriate equipment and the appropriate types and numbers of qualified personnel necessary to furnish the surgical services offered by the hospital in accordance with acceptable standards of practice.

The scope of surgical services provided by the hospital should be defined in writing and approved by the medical staff.

Survey Procedures §482.51(a)

Review the hospital's organizational chart displaying the relationship of the operating room service to other services. Confirm that the operating room's organization chart indicates lines of authority and delegation of responsibility within the department or service.