70619 Respiratory Care Service Staff

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A physician shall have overall responsibility for the service. This physician should be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Anesthesiology. His responsibilities shall include: (1) Coordinating with other services. (2) Making services available. (3) Assuring the quality of respiratory care personnel. (4) Developing measures to control nosocomial infections.

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The day-to-day operation of the service shall be under the immediate supervision of a technical director who shall be a respiratory care practitioner, respiratory care technician, cardiopulmonary or pulmonary technologist or a registered nurse with specialized training and/or advanced experience in respiratory care, who shall be

responsible for: (1) Supervising the clinical application of respiratory care. (2) Supervising the technical procedures used in pulmonary function testing and blood gas analysis. (3) Supervising the maintenance of equipment. (4) Assuring that national and local safety standards are met.

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Other personnel may include registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses and physical therapists trained in respiratory care, respiratory care practitioners, respiratory care technicians, cardiopulmonary or pulmonary technologists and students.