

70549 Perinatal Unit Staff

(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. He shall be responsible for:

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- (2) Maintaining working relationships with intensive care newborn nursery.
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A physician who is certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Pediatrics shall be responsible for the nursery.

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There shall be one registered nurse on duty on each shift assigned to the labor and delivery suite. In addition, there shall be sufficient trained personnel to assist the family, monitor and evaluate labor and assist with the delivery.

(d)

There shall be one registered nurse on duty for each shift assigned to the antepartum and postpartum areas. In addition, there shall be sufficient trained personnel to assess and provide care, assist the family and provide family education.

(e)

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.