

## **70465 Coronary Care Service Staff**

### **(a)**

A physician shall have overall responsibility for the service. This physician shall be certified or eligible for certification in cardiovascular disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine. If such a cardiologist is not available, a physician certified or eligible for certification in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine, with training and experience in cardiovascular disease, may administer the service. In this circumstance, a cardiologist, qualified as above, shall provide consultation at such frequency as to assure high quality service. The physician in charge shall be responsible for: (1) Implementation of established policies and procedures. (2) Development of a system for assuring physician coverage. (3) Conducting education programs in coronary care for physicians. (4) Assuring there is a continuing education program for nursing personnel in coronary care. (5) Final decision regarding admissions to and discharges from unit.

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**(b)**

A registered nurse with training and experience in coronary care nursing shall be responsible for the nursing care and nursing management of the service.

**(c)**

All licensed nurses shall have had training and experience in coronary care nursing.

**(d)**

There shall be not less than two nursing personnel physically present in the coronary care unit when a patient is present. At least one of the nursing personnel shall be a registered nurse.

**(e)**

The licensed nurse:patient ratio shall be 1:2 or fewer at all times. Licensed vocational nurses may constitute up to 50 percent of the licensed nurses.