

Proposed Definitions

Medical staff

The group of all licensed independent practitioners and other practitioners privileged through the organized medical staff process that is subject to the medical staff bylaws. This group may include others, such as retired practitioners who no longer practice in the organization but who wish to continue their membership in the group, courtesy staff, scientific staff, etc. (See also *medical staff, organized*)

Medical staff bylaws

A document or group of documents adopted by the voting members of the organized medical staff and approved by the governing body that defines the rights, responsibilities, and accountabilities of the medical staff and various officers, persons, and groups within the structure of the organized medical staff; the self-governance functions of the organized medical staff; and the working relationship with and accountability to the governing body of the organized medical staff.

Medical staff, voting members of the organized

Those practitioners within the organized medical staff who have the right to vote on adopting and amending medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations, and policies. (See also *medical staff, organized*)

Rules and regulations and policies of the medical staff

As used in these standards, documents other than medical staff bylaws. When adopted by the organized medical staff and approved by the governing body, pursuant to the provisions of Standard MS.01.01.01, these documents have the force and effect of medical staff bylaws.

Medical staff, organized

A self-governing entity accountable to the governing body that operates under a set of bylaws, rules and regulations, and policies developed and adopted by the voting members of the organized medical staff and approved by the governing body. The organized medical staff is comprised of doctors of medicine and osteopathy, and, in accordance with the medical staff bylaws, may include other practitioners.