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TITLE: PHYSICIAN PANELS

PURPOSE:

To provide panels of qualified physicians to read and interpret hospital procedures that are required by federal and state regulation.

POLICY:

Hospital Administration, in consultation with the Medical Staff leadership, will establish all such physician panels.

PROCEDURE:

Guidelines will be used in forming these panels:

1. Physicians serving on these panels must meet established criteria determined by the Credentials Committee.
2. Physicians must be in a full attending status to serve on a panel.
3. If a physician, or a physician group, qualifies to serve on a panel but does not exclusively practice at Hackettstown Community Hospital, the following will be used as a guide to determine if they should be on a panel:
 - a. 50% of their practice time is spent in the hospital service area;
 - b. To determine the number of individuals within a group practice who may serve on a panel, at least 50% of a full-time equivalent's practice time must be spent in the hospital's service area and be an active, supportive member of the medical staff as defined in the Medical Staff Bylaws. If more than one panel member is requested, the same full-time equivalency requirement will be considered.
4. Physician rotation/coverage on each panel will be mutually agreed upon by the physicians serving on the panel.

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5. Readings and interpretations must be done within 24 hours of each procedure. In the event a procedure is not read within the specified time, the procedure will be read by the next available physician on the panel. If this becomes a consistent pattern for any physician, he/she may be asked to vacate their position on that panel.

- 6) Physicians on provisional staff may read and interpret all of their own procedures, as well as any special requests, but all others will automatically go to the physician covering the panel for that day.