

**DEACONESS HENDERSON  
HOSPITAL  
Henderson, KY**

**MEDICINE DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. These Articles shall be known and observed as the Rules & Regulations of the Medicine Department of Deaconess Henderson Hospital, Henderson, KY.**
- B. These Rules & Regulations shall govern all actions and activities of the Medicine Department. Their intent is to supplement the Bylaws of the Medical Staff of Deaconess Henderson Hospital and in no way shall they be construed to conflict with any Article or Section in said Bylaws.**
- C. These Rules & Regulations will supersede all previous Rules & Regulations of the Medicine Department.**

**ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIALTIES**

- A. The membership of the Medicine Department is defined by the Bylaws of Deaconess Henderson Hospital Medical Staff, Article III.A. and B.**
- B. The clinical services of the Medicine Department shall be:**
  - 1. Allergy & Immunology**
  - 2. Cardiology**
  - 3. Dermatology**
  - 4. Endocrinology**
  - 5. Gastroenterology**
  - 6. Hematology**
  - 7. Infectious Disease**
  - 8. Internal Medicine**
  - 9. Nephrology**
  - 10. Neurology**
  - 11. Oncology**
  - 12. Pulmonary**
  - 13. Rheumatology**
  - 14. Sleep Medicine**
  - 15. Pain Medicine**
  - 16. Critical Care**

**Clinical Services may form sections within the Department as outlined in the Bylaws of the Medical Staff.**

- C. Active Staff Requirements**
  - 1. Training and practice in medicine equivalent to that required for the taking of the examination of the American Board in their specialty.**
  - 2. Obligation to support the work of the department.**

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3. **Obligation to keep himself or herself informed and acquainted with developments and progress in medicine. He or she is also obligated to use the quality standards of practice on his or her own patients and those seen in consultation.**

**ARTICLE II - STANDARDS OF PRACTICE**

- A. **All physicians granted initial privileges after 2020 are required to achieve Board Certification within five (5) years of being granted appointment to the Medical Staff. Members are required to maintain board certification until such time as they reach Honorary Staff status.**

**ARTICLE III - ELECTION OF CHIEF**

- A. **Any Active member of the Medicine Department who is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and/or a sub-specialty represented by this Department is eligible to be Chief.**
- B. **The Chief shall serve a two (2) year term and may be reelected to two (2) additional consecutive terms. The immediate Past Chief shall serve as Assistant Chief of the department and shall be eligible to attend the MEC meeting in the Chief's absence.**
- C. **In case of a tie or a no majority vote, another vote will be taken by secret ballot.**

**ARTICLE IV - RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHIEF**

- A. **The responsibilities of the Department Chief include but are not limited to:**
  1. **Accountability to the Executive Council for all professional and Medical Staff administrative activities within the department.**
  2. **Continuing surveillance of the professional performance of the Medical Staff members who exercise privileges in the department, including recommendation of each member at the time of reappointment.**
  3. **Recommending to the Medical Staff the criteria for granting privileges in the department.**
  4. **Appointment of members to subcommittees or ad hoc committees, as necessary.**
  5. **Presiding at scheduled Medicine Department meetings or assigning a designee in his absence.**
  6. **Will be responsible for the minutes of the Medicine Department meetings.**

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- B. According to the Bylaws, the Chief is a member and is expected to attend the following committee meetings:**
- 1. Medical Staff Executive Council**
  - 2. Bylaws Committee**

**ARTICLE V - RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS**

- A. These Articles shall be ratified when approved by a two-third majority vote of the Active and Senior members present at a meeting.**
- B. Amendments to these Articles require approval from two-thirds majority of Active and Senior members present at a meeting.**

**Approved: Department of Medicine: 12/7/2023  
Medical Staff Executive Council: 6/19/2024  
Board of Directors: 6/27/2024**