RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT
OF THE MEDICAL STAFF
OF
PEACEHEALTH SOUTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER

In addition to those duties assigned by PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center Medical Staff Bylaws, the Emergency Medicine Department shall enforce the following rules and regulations relating to this department:

1. Members of the Emergency Medicine Department will assume all functions and responsibilities of active medical staff members excepting that they will not attend patients admitted as inpatients to the hospital but may attend patients admitted to observation status.

2. The Emergency Medicine Department Chairman shall evaluate performance of staff members’ privileges in Emergency Medicine through the use of all pertinent data.

3. Clinical privileges shall be reviewed biennially and changes made accordingly.

4. The Emergency Medicine Department shall review yearly all policies and procedures relating to the delivery of Emergency Medicine.

5. The Emergency Medicine Department shall maintain liaison with related services, committees and departments.

6. The physician retained by the Board of Trustees of PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center as Medical Director of the Emergency Medicine Department shall have the responsibility of the overall direction of the department’s activities and for coordination of the efforts of hospital employees and the independent professionals who are appointed to the Emergency Medicine Department.

7. All new physicians with appointments to the Emergency Medicine Department will work for a minimum of their first eight (8) hours side-by-side with their preceptor who will evaluate their performance. Each new physician will have a representative sample of his/her cases reviewed by the ED Chairman and ED Medical Director for a minimum of six (6) months. Any cases meeting criteria for ED Committee will be forwarded to the Monthly Quality Review.

8. Any individual who presents to the Emergency Department, and requests an examination and/or treatment, will be provided a Medical Screening Examination to determine whether or not an emergency medical condition exists, unless such examination is refused by the patient.
Triage does not constitute a Medical Screening Examination.

**Definition of a Medical Screening Exam:** The Emergency Department shall provide an appropriate medical screening exam within the capability of the hospital’s emergency department. This will include an appropriate history, physical examination and use of ancillary services routinely available, regardless of ability to pay or source of payment. This examination will be used to determine whether or not an emergency medical condition exists.

The Medical Screening Examination may be conducted by:

- An Emergency Department physician (MD or DO)
- An Emergency Department physician assistant (PA)
- An Emergency Department nurse practitioner (ARNP)
- The individual’s primary care physician or delegate, if present in the department
- In the case of a woman in active labor, the nursing staff designated in the labor and delivery unit. The patient will be taken directly to L & D, unless triage indicates otherwise.
- In the case of sexual assault, the Medical Screening Examination may be performed by the SART forensic nurse under the written physician-directed protocols.

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