

**CONSULT-ONLY PRIVILEGES**

MS 123

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**PURPOSE**

Although independently licensed by the California Department of Health Services, the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (“RMC”) and the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital (“NPH”) have a unique relationship. The two facilities are part of the UCLA Health System, owned and operated by the Regents of the University of California, sharing the same physical plant on the UCLA campus. The Medical and Professional Staffs of RMC and NPH are governed by the Regents of the University of California, whose authority is delegated to the Governing Body.

Medically stable patients who need inpatient psychiatric care are typically admitted to the NPH for such treatment. Conversely, those psychiatric patients of the NPH with acute medical needs are admitted to the RMC.

Patients who may eventually be admitted emergently to either RMC or NPH enter through the RMC Emergency Department. Psychiatry residents and Attending members of the professional staff of NPH provide psychiatric/psychological consultation and clinical coverage in the RMC Emergency Department.

In light of this unique governance relationship and the proximity of the NPH to the RMC, the medical and professional staffs have entered into a formal agreement by which the Attending Staffs of RMC agree to provide consulting-only patient care at NPH.

**POLICY**

Ultimate Authority

The Clinical Services of the Medical and Professional Staffs of RMC and NPH shall retain the ultimate responsibility for the consult-only patient care provided by the Attending Staff at NPH.

The Medical and Professional Staffs of RMC and NPH are directly accountable to the Governing Body for the quality of medical/psychiatric care provided at each facility and adopts and enforces their individual bylaws governing medical and professional staff membership and privileges.

The Governing Body shall ensure that the consult-only patient care at NPH is provided in a safe and effective manner. The Governing Body shall take action through the Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation Programs of each Medical/Professional Staff to assess the care, identify performance concerns, implement appropriate corrective actions, and ensure the monitoring and sustainability of those corrective or improvement activities.

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### Credentials Verification

The UCLA Health System provides a centralized, comprehensive credentials service to both Medical and Professional Staffs at RMC and NPH, including primary source verification at the time of initial and reappointment of its members. Current status and privileges of each medical and professional member are maintained in a common database and is accessible to both hospitals via the intranet.

### Standard of Care

The Attending Staffs of RMC shall provide consulting-only patient care in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice and any applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the requirements of the Joint Commission, the Medicare Conditions of Participation, and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

### Responsibilities for Consult-Only Care

It is the responsibility of the Attending Staff member at each facility to determine the need for and authorize the medical/psychiatric care needed by the patients under his/her direct care at each facility, including the arrangement for consult-only specialists.

### Privileges

Consult-Only privileges are granted separately at NPH by the Governing Body, via recommendations of their Executive Committee. The recommendations are based on the credentialing, privileging, ongoing and focused practitioner performance evaluations provided by the other Medical and Professional Staff.

### Agreement

In order for the Medical and Professional Staffs to rely upon the credentialing and privileging information furnished by each hospital, the Medical and Professional Staffs must have a written agreement that specifically addresses the following:

- An Attending physician is privileged by the Medical Staff of RMC, and a list of the Attending physicians' current privileges is provided to NPH.
- The physician holds a license issued or recognized by the State of California; and
- The Medical and Professional Staffs have evidence of an internal review of the practitioner's performance of these consult-only privileges and sends to the other Medical and Professional Staff information that is useful to assess the practitioner's quality of care, treatment, and services for use in privileging and performance improvement. This information includes all adverse outcomes related to sentinel events considered reviewable by the Joint Commission that result from the consult services provided; and complaints about the practitioner from patients, licensed independent practitioners, or staff at either hospital.

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- Reciprocal proctoring is accepted and fulfills the focused professional practice evaluation requirement referenced in MS 113: Reciprocal Proctoring

**APPROVED**

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