

SAMPLE HOSPITAL POLICY: PALLIATIVE CARE COMMITTEE

- POLICY:**
1. The Palliative Care Subcommittee of the Clinical Management Committee consists of no less than the following members:
 - a. two representatives from the Palliative Care Program – one physician and one nurse;
 - b. a representative from hospital and/or nursing administration;
 - c. a representative from nursing administration;
 - d. a representative from the Critical Care Subcommittee;
 - e. a representative from the Ethics Committee;
 - f. a representative from each of the following services or administrative committees: Critical Care Committee, Cardiovascular Medicine service, the Neuroscience services, Surgical Services, Consult/Liaison Psychiatry Service, Medicine Service;
 - f. one representative each from the hospital departments of Social Services, Chaplaincy Services, Pharmacy, and Organ Procurement.
 2. The Palliative Care Subcommittee will meet at least quarterly and will report to the Medical Executive Committee. The committee chair will be a member of the Clinical Management Committee.

The Palliative Care Subcommittee will establish and direct efforts to meet or exceed Joint Commission Advance Palliative Care standards and as part of this effort is responsible for the following.

- a. Overseeing clinical programs that relate to palliative care.
- b. Monitoring palliative care clinical care practices through evaluation of data concerning pain and symptom control, use of advanced directives, and utilization of hospital resources, and reporting such data to the Clinical Management Committee.
- c. Make recommendations to the Medical Executive Committee regarding appropriate changes in patient care policies.
- d. Make recommendations to the Medical Executive Committee regarding staff education

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