

PATIENT CARE CATEGORIES Medical Staff Category Summary (refer to Medical Staff Bylaws - Article V for full details)	
Active	Courtesy
<p>The Active Staff shall consist of Physicians, Dentists, and Podiatrists who are in active practice and who regularly care for patients in the Hospital. He/she shall be able to provide continuous care to patients, as outlined in Article IV, C.6.</p> <p>Responsibilities: The Active Staff shall be responsible for the transaction of all the business of the Staff and for the proper quality of all medical care and treatment in the Hospital. They shall be required to attend meetings in accordance with these Bylaws, and to pay annual membership dues and /or assessments when due.</p> <p>Prerogatives: Active Staff members shall be eligible to vote, hold office and serve as chairpersons of Staff committees.</p>	<p>Courtesy staff members shall: The Courtesy Staff shall consist of Physicians, Dentists, and Podiatrists who only occasionally admit patients: (Less than 20 patients in a two [2] year time period).</p> <p>Responsibilities: a. Are responsible for the transaction of all the business of the Medical Staff and for the quality and appropriateness of medical care in the hospital. B Courtesy Staff Members will participate in quality management activities. c. Courtesy Staff Members shall pay annual membership dues and special assessments when due.</p> <p>Prerogatives: a. May attend and vote at department meetings and sit on medical staff committees.</p>
Consulting	
<p>Practitioners of recognized ability who may be called in for consultation or Consulting Medical Staff status is established for those medical practitioners of recognized ability, who are not members from another category of the Medical Staff, such as Active or Courtesy, who may be called in for consultation or assistance by any member of the Medical Staff.</p> <p>Qualifications a. Shall be appointed to a specific Department. b. Shall be in good standing on the active staff of another hospital OR c. Engaged in clinical practice in a specialty not required to maintain specialty call coverage by these Bylaws of the medical staff.</p> <p>Responsibilities: a. Consulting Staff may only attend patients who are under the active care of an Active Medical Staff Member who has admitting privileges for the duration of the specific consultation for which they were called. b. Consulting Staff may not admit patients but may write or give verbal orders within the scope of their privileges. c. Consulting Staff will participate in quality management activities, as requested by their Department Chairperson or the MEC. d. Consulting Staff Members shall pay annual membership dues and special assessments when due.</p> <p>Prerogatives: a. Consulting Staff Members shall not be eligible to vote at the Department or staff level, however, can attend appropriate department and Staff meetings including social functions.</p>	
Telemedicine Staff	Locum Tenens
<p>The Telemedicine Staff shall include those practitioners who, from a remote site, will provide specialty/subspecialty consultative care in a timely fashion for VMM patients. Telemedicine staff will demonstrate a willingness to be active participants in performance improvement, professional review, and quality measures.</p> <p>Prerogatives Not eligible to hold Medical Staff Office or to vote at meetings of the Medical Staff. Shall not be required to serve on the Medical Staff and Hospital committees and/or multidisciplinary teams. Exempt from the Immunization Policy Contingent on/related to a contractual relationship with the Hospital</p>	<p>Practitioners must satisfy the qualifications and conditions for appointment to the Medical Staff and have completed the Medical Staff initial appointment or reappointment process, as appropriate. Locum Tenens Staff may not be eligible in any other category of the Medical Staff but fulfill a need in departments within the Medical Staff. Requests for Clinical Privileges shall be processed in the same manner as specified for other practitioners. They may attend Hospital educational programs and may exercise their approved Clinical Privileges for up to 120 consecutive days. On case-by-case basis the practitioner will be moved to locum tenens status for a period not to exceed two years. The Locum Tenens staff are not eligible to vote, hold office, or serve on Medical Staff Committees and may be dismissed from the Locum Tenens Staff at the discretion of the MEC. Neither the granting, denial, nor termination of Locum Tenens Staff status shall entitle the individual concerned to any of the procedural rights or review unless the action is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.</p>
NON-PATIENT CARE CATEGORIES	
Affiliative	Ambulatory
<p>Practitioners who maintain a clinical practice in the hospital service area and wish to follow their patients when they are admitted to the hospital. May order noninvasive outpatient diagnostic tests and services; visit patients in the hospital; review medical records; and attend medical staff, committee or department/clinical service meetings, continuing medical education functions and social events. Not eligible to vote or hold office. Need not maintain professional liability but must be licensed. Shall be assessed annual dues as set.</p>	<p>Practitioners who refer patients to members of the Staff, but only desire to participate in hospital and Staff educational programs. May use library facility at the hospital. Shall be assessed annual dues as set.</p> <p>NOTE: Only Practitioners who are employed by VMM/MP or who are a party to a contractual arrangement with VMM/MP are eligible to request Ambulatory Status and privilege(s) in outpatient clinics, regardless of education, training, and experience.</p>