

CLINTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL	Policy and Procedure	NUMBER
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	SUBJECT	REVISED
	Mortality Review Committee	REVIEWED

Purpose: The Hospital Mortality Review Committee (HMRC) is established to conduct thorough reviews of patient deaths within the hospital, with the primary aim of identifying opportunities for improvement in patient care, clinical processes, and safety measures. The committee aims to enhance patient outcomes and promote continuous quality improvement within the hospital.

Committee Composition: The HMRC shall consist of the following members:

1. Hospital Chief of Staff (Chair)
2. Chief Nursing Officer
3. Emergency Department Director
4. Acute Care Director
5. Quality Director

Meeting Schedule: The committee shall convene quarterly on the second Wednesday of each quarter, unless otherwise specified by the Chair or due to exceptional circumstances.

Responsibilities:

1. **Reviewing Mortality Cases:** The committee shall review all patient deaths that occur within the hospital during the review period. This includes deaths in all departments, including but not limited to emergency department, acute care units, and specialty areas.
2. **Identifying Contributing Factors:** The committee shall analyze each mortality case to identify contributing factors such as clinical care, communication, system failures, and other pertinent issues.
3. **Data Collection and Analysis:** The committee shall collect relevant data and information related to each mortality case, including medical records, laboratory results, diagnostic tests, and staff interviews. Data analysis will be conducted to identify trends and patterns.
4. **Quality Improvement Recommendations:** Based on the findings of the mortality review, the committee shall develop recommendations for quality improvement initiatives aimed at preventing similar incidents in the future. These recommendations may include changes to clinical protocols, staff training, resource allocation, and organizational policies.
5. **Implementation Oversight:** The committee shall monitor the implementation of recommended improvements and assess their effectiveness over time. Adjustments to recommendations may be made as necessary to ensure continuous improvement in patient care and safety.
6. **Reporting:** The committee shall provide regular reports to hospital leadership summarizing the findings of mortality reviews, including identified issues, recommendations, and progress on implementation efforts. The findings will also be reported to the Hospital's Quality Committee.