Subject: Physician Supervision for Cardiac Rehabilitation Services

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to insure compliance with Medicare requirements for physician supervision of MMSC’s Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

Policy: A physician trained in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) will be immediately available and accessible for emergencies that may arise in the Cardiac Rehabilitation area.

Procedure:

1. The Emergency Department Physician at MMSC shall be immediately available and accessible for emergencies that may arise in the Cardiac Rehabilitation area.

2. In the event of an emergency, the cardiac rehab nurse or her designee will contact the Hospital operator and request that the CPR team be called to the Cardiac Rehabilitation area.

3. The Emergency Department physician at MMSC, who is trained in ACLS, responds to all “CPR Team” calls, and in this capacity will respond to such calls to the Cardiac Rehabilitation area.

Other Important Information:

It is recognized by MMSC that there is a remote possibility that more than one “CPR Team” call could occur at the same time. The Hospital and Medical Staff have judged that the likelihood is remote, and that it is reasonable for MMSC to maintain a single code team to respond to emergencies in the Hospital, including the Cardiac Rehabilitation area.
Other Important Information con’t:

In the unlikely event a code were called in Cardiac Rehab while another code was underway, other physicians present in the Hospital, or in the adjacent medical office building, would be called to assist. Such physician would be available in a very short period of time, as Cardiac Rehab hours coincide with physician office hours.

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