



DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY SECTION OF PATHOLOGY RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. PURPOSE

The Section of Pathology of the Banner Boswell Medical Center will as its primary purpose furnish diagnostic and consultation services in the fields of surgical pathology, cytologic pathology, autopsy pathology, clinical pathology and transfusion medicine to the members of the Medical Staff and their patients.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Section of Pathology shall be in accordance with the Membership Article of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the BBWMC Medical Staff.

III. FUNCTIONS OF THE SECTION

- A. Measuring, assessing and improving the medical assessment and treatment of patients.
- B. Ensuring communication of findings, conclusions, recommendations and actions taken to improve organizational performance.

IV. APPOINTMENTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. BOARD CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants to the Pathology Section must be board certified unless they have been board qualified or eligible for less than five years, in which case they must obtain board certification in their specialty after two consecutive board examinations or two years from the date of initial appointment to the staff, whichever is longer. Non-certified physicians already in the Pathology Section will be grandfathered

V. PROCEDURE OF PRACTICE

- A. Members of the Section shall adopt rules and procedures that comply with all Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Banner Boswell Medical Center applicable to their practice and in particular to those dealing with laboratory facilities, routine laboratory tests, examination of tissues removed at surgery and the performance of autopsies. Such rules and procedures shall serve as a guide to the Medical Staff in submitting written requests for services from this Section.
- B. The procedures adopted by the Section will be consistent with local standards of accepted practice as well as in compliance with standards established by the College of American Pathologists, the Joint Commission and the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- C. The Pathology Section shall meet as often as needed to conduct business. The Section shall develop effective mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the quality and appropriateness of patient care and the clinical performance of the section members.
- D. The Section shall report all pertinent issues to the Department of Surgery. Performance Improvement data shall be reported to the Performance Improvement Committee. Peer Review information will be reported directly to the Professional Review Committee.

VI. CHIEF OF THE SECTION

- A. The Chief of the Section of Pathology will be elected in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws. The Chief will be elected for a two year term and shall be a member in good standing of the Active Medical Staff. The Chief, and in his/her absence a designee, shall be responsible to the Chairman of Surgery for the functioning of the Section in accordance with the Departments and Divisions Article of the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations Policy Manual of the Banner Boswell Medical Center's Medical Staff.
- B. The Chief will assist the Surgery Department Chairman with assuring that all patient care provided by

the Section is monitored and evaluated for quality and appropriateness. The Chief is responsible for establishing procedures to review the clinical practice and establishing the levels of competence of all practitioners with clinical privileges in the Section. The Section Chief will assist the Chairman of Surgery in establishing procedures to review clinical practice and in establishing levels of competence of all practitioners with clinical privileges in the Section.

VII. SECTION ASSIGNMENT

Members of the Section are expected to fulfill obligations created by membership on this and any other staff committees. Members are assigned to the Pathology Section in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws.

VIII. NON-PHYSICIAN PRACTITIONERS

Privileges may be granted to non-physician practitioners. This will be in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws and the Medical Staff Rules & Regulations.

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| | Surgery Department | 12/02/99, 12/17/07, 12/15/09, 10/11, 05/13 |
| | Medical Executive Committee | 01/04/00, 01/08/08, 01/05/10, 11/11, 06/13 |
| | Operating Board | 01/20/00, 01/17/08, 01/12/10, 11/11, 07/13 |
| | Surgery Committee | 11/19/07, 09/11, 05/13 |