

CHAPTER 5

Professional Medical Staff

I. MEMBERS

The membership of the Professional Medical Staff (Medical Staff) is composed of those Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, and Clinical Psychologists engaged in their respective disciplines as health providers either employed by or contracted with the institution.

II. OFFICERS

Where there is an organized medical staff, the following are officers of the Medical Staff:

- Chief of Staff
- Vice-Chief of Staff
- Immediate-past Chief of Staff

The Chief of Staff and Vice-Chief of Staff are appointed at the Correctional Treatment Centers to a two-year term. The Chief of Staff and Vice-Chief of Staff at the General Acute Care Hospitals are elected by the membership to two-year terms.

Where there is no organized medical staff, the Health Care Manager (HCM), or Chief Medical Officer if the HCM is not a licensed physician, shall provide official leadership for the Medical Staff as long as they retain their respective positions.

III. MEETINGS

The Medical Staff meets quarterly, or more often, as circumstances warrant.

IV. YEAR

The Medical Staff year begins in January and ends in December each year.

V. RESPONSIBILITY

The Medical Staff is responsible for the quality of the health care provided to the inmate population of the institution as delegated by the California Department of Correction Governing Body (CDC GB).

VI. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Medical Staff is accountable immediately to the CDC GB, and ultimately to all appropriate governing laws and authorities.

VII. ORGANIZATION

Organization of the Medical Staff is delineated by its own Organized Medical Staff Bylaws.