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STATEMENT OF POLICY

The NCH Sleep Center is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep medicine and has a panel of four physician roles responsible for the interpretation of sleep studies and the day to day operations of the sleep center.

NCH staff physicians who wish to interpret the sleep study of a patient he or she has consulted must obtain privileges for sleep study interpretation and adhere to the criteria detailed within this policy.

Non-sleep boarded physicians granted sleep study interpretation privileges prior to June 1, 2008 continue to have sleep study interpretation privileges based on the requirements effective on the date of their privileging.

Sleep board eligibility and certification is obtained through the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) or an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Member Board with a subspecialty certificate in sleep medicine.

PURPOSE

To provide specific criteria for physicians to obtain and maintain sleep study interpretation privileges so as to ensure the superior quality of sleep study interpretation while securing the patient’s long term health and safety.

PROCEDURE

To obtain and retain privileges for sleep study interpretation, the physician must:

1. Maintain staff privileges at NCH, and
2. Adhere to all criteria established by the AASM for physicians interpreting sleep studies in an AASM accredited sleep center, and
3. Obtain the approval of the Sleep Center Medical Director to participate as a staff physician of the NCH sleep center, as verified by the department quality assurance program, and
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4. Is either:
   a. Sleep board certified through the AASM, or
   b. Board certified through an ABMS member board Sleep Medicine Certification Program, or
   c. Board eligible through an ABMS member board Sleep Medicine Certification Program, or
   d. A non-sleep boarded physician granted sleep study interpretation privileges prior to June 1, 2008 and

5. If board eligible as detailed in 5 (c), becomes board certified within 2 years of obtaining sleep study interpretation privileges, and

6. Must have sleep study interpretations over read by the Sleep Center over reading physician when the physician is
   a. Board eligible through an ABMS member board Sleep medicine Certification Program, or
   b. A non-sleep boarded physicians granted sleep study interpretation prior to June 1, 2008, and

7. Must have a minimum of the first ten sleep studies over read by the Sleep Center over reading physician for all physicians granted sleep study interpretation after June 1, 2008, and

8. If sleep board eligible or sleep board certified as detailed in 5 (a) through 5 (d) adheres to all applicable criteria established by the AASM and ABMS for sleep medicine credentialing, and

9. Demonstrate initial and ongoing proficiency in sleep study interpretation through the Sleep Center quality assurance program, and
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10. Document a minimum of 10 hours of sleep category 1 CME annually and maintain a current education record in both the Sleep Center and Medical Staff departments as verified by the sleep center medical director or designee, and

11. Adhere to all Sleep Center policies and procedures.