

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Department is to promote and ensure quality psychiatric care of the patients at Providence Alaska Medical Center.

PROCTORING

The need for an assistant or proctor for physicians will be determined by the Department Chair.

OFFICERS

CHAIR

The Chair of the Department will be elected by the Department annually in November. The Chair will assume his/her position on January 1. The Chair of the Department will fulfill the functions of this position as outlined in the Medical Staff Bylaws. It is understood and accepted that the Chair of the Department functions in this capacity to assist Providence Alaska Medical Center in providing quality psychiatric care to its patients. He/she will fulfill this obligation to the best of his/her ability but will not be considered responsible for all actions or omissions of the Department members.

ALTERNATE CHAIR

The alternate Chair will be the immediate past Chair of the Department and will assume the functions of Chair of the Department during his/her absence. If the past Chair is not available or has not designated an alternate(s), one of the past four Department Chairs will assume his/her responsibilities during his/her absence and inform the Medical Staff Office of this alternate.

Should the Chair of the Department be unable to fulfill his/her tenure as Department Chair, the alternate Chair will assume the Chair for the remainder of that tenure. The Medical Staff Office will provide support for the Department. As the Department has no budget or income, a treasurer is not required.

EMERGENCY ROOM COVERAGE (EMTALA)

In order to provide better and effective psychiatric care to the patients of Providence Hospital, the Department of Psychiatry has adopted an Emergency Room call roster.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this list is to provide the Emergency Room the name of an available Psychiatrist they can call to provide psychiatric care to patients in the Providence Alaska Medical Center Emergency Room. It is expected by the Department of Psychiatry that those physicians participating on the Emergency Room roster will in good faith attend to all those patients requested unless there are some untoward circumstances.

RESPONSIBILITIES

A. All members of the Department with inpatient privileges at PAMC are required to participate in the Adult or Adolescent/Child Psychiatry call roster. The monthly roster will be developed by a method approved by the department and will remain in effect for the entire month. It is the Chair's or his/her designee's responsibility to create the monthly call list. This roster will meet current EMTALA guidelines and hospital policies and procedures.

B. A written request by a member of the Department of Psychiatry may be submitted annually for a modification of their call responsibilities. The Department as a whole will consider the request. However, the Department Chair may act on behalf of the Department in emergent situations.