

DEACONESS HOSPITAL, INC.
Evansville, Indiana

FAMILY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT
RULES AND REGULATION

ARTICLE I: Purpose

- A. These Articles shall be known and observed as the Rules and Regulations of the Family Medicine Department of Deaconess Hospital, Inc., Evansville, Indiana.
- B. These Rules and Regulations shall govern all actions and activities of the Family Medicine Department. Their intent is to supplement the Bylaws of the Medical Staff of Deaconess Hospital, Inc. and in no way shall they be construed to conflict with any Article or Section in said Bylaws.
- C. These Rules and Regulations will supersede all previous Rules and Regulations of the Family Medicine Department.

ARTICLE II: Membership

- A. Active Membership Requirements
 - 1. Training equivalent to that required to be eligible to sit for the examination of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) or American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP), or current certification by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) or American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP).
 - 2. Physicians who have been accepted into membership in this department prior to December 31, 1992 are exempted from this requirement.
- B. Courtesy Membership Requirements
 - Same as for Active Status.

ARTICLE III: Chief of Department

- A. The Chief must be an active member of the Department who is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) or American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP).
- B. Election of Chief

The department shall elect a Chief every two (2) years, who shall be primarily responsible for the overall supervision of the clinical work within the department along with additional responsibilities. Election shall be held during the last meeting of the fiscal year, and the member receiving the majority of votes shall be Chief. In the event of a tie or no majority vote, a vote will be taken by secret ballot. The Chief shall serve a two (2) year term and may be reelected to two additional consecutive terms. The immediate Past Chief shall serve as Assistant Chief of the department and shall be eligible to attend the Medical Executive Council meeting in the Chief's absence.

ARTICLE IV: Standards of Practice

A. All physicians granted initial privileges after June 14, 2004 are required to achieve Board Certification within five (5) years of being granted appointment to the Medical Staff. Members are required to maintain board certification until such time as they reach Honorary Staff status.

ARTICLE V: Amendments

A. Amendments of these rules may be moved by any Active or Senior member of the Department. Amendments to these articles require approval from a majority of Active and Senior members present at a meeting.

B. Amendments shall be forwarded to the Executive Council for review and approval and shall become effective only upon approval of the Board of Directors.

APPROVED: Family Practice	8/30/77	Executive Council	9/14/77	
REVISED: Family Practice	7/12/78			
REVISED: Family Practice	6/26/84	Executive Council	7/11/84	
APPROVED: Family Practice	7/30/85	Executive Council	8/14/85	
APPROVED: Family Practice	7/28/87	Executive Council	9/09/87	
APPROVED: Family Practice	10/28/90	Executive Council	11/14/90	
APPROVED: Family Practice	11/19/92	Executive Council	12/09/92	Board 12/21/92
APPROVED: Family Practice	06/16/94	Executive Council	08/10/94	Board 08/22/94
APPROVED: Family Practice	08/19/99	Executive Council	10/13/99	Board 10/18/99
APPROVED: Family Practice	05/16/02	Executive Council	06/12/02	Board 06/17/02
REVISED: Family Practice	11/18/04	Executive Council	12/08/04	Board 01/17/05
REVISED: Family Medicine	05/17/07	Executive Council	06/13/07	Board 06/18/07
APPROVED: Family Medicine	05/15/08	Executive Council	06/11/08	Board 06/16/08
REVISED: Family Medicine	08/20/09	Executive Council	09/09/09	Board 09/14/09
REVISED: Family Medicine	08/19/10	Executive Council	09/08/10	Board 09/27/10
REVISED: Family Medicine	08/18/11	Executive Council	09/14/11	Board 09/26/11
APPROVED: Family Medicine	02/21/13	Executive Council	03/13/13	Board 03/25/13
APPROVED: Family Medicine	02/19/15	Executive Council	03/11/15	Board 03/23/15
APPROVED: Family Medicine	11/21/2020	Executive Council	01/08/2020	Board 01/24/2020