

**WAC 246-320-161 Medical staff.** The purpose of this section is to establish the development of a medical staff structure, consistent with clinical competence, to ensure a safe patient care environment.

The medical staff must:

(1) Adopt bylaws, rules, regulations, and organizational structure that address:

- (a) Qualifications for membership;
- (b) Verification of application data;
- (c) Appointment and reappointment process;
- (d) Length of appointment and reappointment;
- (e) Granting of delineated clinical privileges;
- (f) Provision for continuous patient care;
- (g) Assessment of credentialed practitioner's performance;
- (h) Due process;
- (i) Reporting practitioners according to RCW 70.41.210; and
- (j) Provide for medical staff communication and conflict resolution with the governing authority;

(2) Forward medical staff recommendations for membership and clinical privileges to the governing authority for action.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.41 RCW and RCW 43.70.040. WSR 09-07-050, § 246-320-161, filed 3/11/09, effective 4/11/09.]