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GENERAL PROVISIONS**§ 143.1. Principle.**

Where a hospital provides podiatry services, they shall be an integral part of comprehensive health care and shall be readily available to meet the needs of patients, in accordance with accepted professional and ethical practices.

§ 143.2. Podiatry director.

When podiatry services are available, they shall be directed and (with the exception of surgery) supervised, by a podiatrist qualified by training and experience and currently licensed to practice in this Commonwealth.

§ 143.3. Podiatry surgical procedures.

The scope and extent of surgical procedures which each podiatrist may perform shall be specifically defined and recommended in the same manner as all other surgical privileges and shall be made known to the surgical suite nursing supervisor and personnel. Surgical procedures performed by podiatrists shall be under the supervision of the chief of surgery.

§ 143.4. Medical appraisal of a podiatric patient.

A patient admitted for podiatric services shall receive the same basic admission appraisal by a physician member of the medical staff or appropriate house-staff as patients admitted for other services in accordance with §§ 105.12—105.14 (relating to admission criteria and diagnosis; alternate admissions arrangements; and admission diagnosis).

§ 143.5. Medical supervision of podiatric patients.

A podiatrist with clinical privileges, may, with the concurrence of any physician member of the medical staff, initiate procedures for admitting a patient. This concurring physician shall assume responsibility for the nonpodiatric medical care of the patient throughout the hospital stay, including the medical history and

physical examination and any medical problem which may be present or which may arise during the hospitalization.

§ 143.6. Podiatry policies and procedures.

Policies and procedures for podiatry services shall be written and shall be available to medical staff members, podiatrists granted clinical privileges, and nursing personnel.

§ 143.7. Medical orders and patient records.

The podiatrist may write medical orders within the scope of his license and the medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations. He shall be responsible for the podiatry history and podiatry physical examination and all elements of the patient's medical record relating to podiatric care.

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