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MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENT CARE

POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that all patients admitted to BOPDHB hospitals must be under the care of a specified "Responsible Consultant."

PURPOSE

This policy is intended to clarify who is medically responsible for patients admitted to BOPDHB hospitals.

EXCLUSIONS

1. Independent midwives are able to admit patients to the Maternity Unit. Medical specialists have no responsibilities for these patients unless asked to take over care by the admitting midwife, or in emergency situations by any other midwife should the admitting midwife not be available.
2. Dental Surgeons registered under the Dental Council of New Zealand may have patients admitted under their care and are by this definition "Responsible Consultants".

REFERENCES

- Education, training and supervision of new doctors - Medical Council of New Zealand 2003. A resource for registrants and their supervision.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.1.2 protocol 1 Medical Responsibility for Patient Care - Delegated Responsibilities of RMO's: When to call the consultant on call
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.1.2 protocol 2 Medical Responsibility for Patient Care - Admission, Handover of Responsibility & Care Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.10.2 Clinical Communication
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.2 protocol 1 Health Record Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.5.2 protocol 2 Health Record - Content & Structure
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.4.1 Patient Transfers
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Mental Health & Addictions Service protocol MHAS.A1.9 Transfer of Care
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Adult Observation Chart (145337)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board RMO Handbook

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