

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HEALTH ACT 1993

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

NO. 13 OF 1997

Under Section 9 of the Australian Capital Territory Health Act 1993 the Minister has the authority to declare a committee appointed by the Board of Management of Calvary Hospital for the purposes of

- (a) conducting quality assurance activities among health service providers for the purpose of assessing and evaluating the health services provided by the Territory, to report, and make recommendations, to the Chief Executive in relation to those services and to monitor the implementation of those recommendations,
- (b) conduct research and investigations into morbidity and mortality in the Territory and to report, and make recommendations, to the Chief Executive in relation to that research or those investigations,
- (c) investigate, assess, review and evaluate the clinical privileges provided to health service providers and to report, and make recommendations, to the Chief Executive in relation to whether those clinical privileges should be preserved, varied or withdrawn.

The instrument approves the following committees

Quality Improvement Committee
Medical staff council
Medical Staff Council Executive
Peer Review Committee
Morbidity and Mortality Review Panel

Medical Divisions Committees- Anaesthetics, Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine
Diagnostics and Pathology
Medicine
Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Paediatrics
Psychiatry
Surgery

Medical Appointments Committee
Clinical Privileges Sub-Committee

The Quality Improvement Committee is the main sub-committee of the Board of Management that has overall responsibility for the hospital's quality improvement activities. The committee receives status and achievement reports from the hospital Business and Improvement Teams, other project groups and specific staff. The committee advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Management.

The Peer Review Committee ensures quality assurance activities are undertaken by the medical divisions of the hospital. The Morbidity and Mortality Review Panel review all deaths and clinical indicators of care.

Medical Staff Council
Medical Staff Council Executive
Medical Division Committees -

Anaesthetics, Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine
Diagnostics and Pathology
Medicine
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The roles and responsibilities of these committees are to achieve ongoing quality assurance activities per specialist division and management of each specialty

The Medical Appointments and Clinical Privileges Sub Committees, previously known as the Medical Appointments and Privileges Committee, have responsibilities to investigate, assess, review and evaluate the clinical privileges of medical officers at Calvary Hospital. These committees make recommendations with regard to both appointment and withdrawal of clinical privileges.