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## Department of Psychiatry Rules & Regulations

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Department is to promote and ensure quality psychiatric care of the patients at Providence Alaska Medical Center.

### PROCTORING

The need for an assistant or proctor for physicians will be determined by the Department Chair.

### OFFICERS

#### *CHAIR*

See [PAMC Medical Staff Bylaws, Section 4.B Department Chairs](#), for details.

### EMERGENCY ROOM, HOSPITAL, and MENTAL HEALTH UNIT COVERAGE

In order to provide better and effective psychiatric care to the patients of Providence Alaska Medical Center, the Department of Psychiatry has a defined coverage plan and schedule, based on services with contracted physicians and APPs. The schedule for the physician and APP coverage of the Mental Health Units and Consult Liaison services is published monthly. This roster will meet current EMTALA guidelines and hospital policies and procedures.

# Psychiatric Emergency Department

The psychiatric emergency department is staffed by master's level clinicians who perform risk and safety assessments. Telepsychiatry services are available to perform assessments and provide recommendations, as requested by psychiatric emergency department clinicians and emergency department physicians.

## Mental Health Units (Adult and Discovery Units)

The Mental Health Units are covered by assigned physicians and nurse practitioners. The physician or their delegate providing daytime clinical services provides 24-hour on-call support to the unit, including the management of all admitted patients and referrals for unit admission.

## Adult and Pediatric Medical Surgical Hospital

Psychiatric consultation services are available for patients admitted to the medical surgical units at PAMC, at the request of the attending service. The Telepsychiatry Consultation Liaison Service and the PAMC Liaison Service provide coverage for these consultation services. Additional information may be found in PAMC guideline "Adult Psychiatry Consultation Liaison Service" (PolicyStat ID 18563063).

End of Rules & Regulations

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## Standards

No standards are associated with this document