

It is the intention of this article to define the term “peer review” or “review by peers” in the broadest terms and to secure to those who engage in any aspect of review in, at, for, or on the behalf of the hospital and its medical staff, the broadest possible privilege and immunity from liability. 8.2 “Peer” is defined as a person who has equal standing with another person, or other persons, as in education, age, training, rank or status. In quality of care reviews, peers are defined as professionals in the same specialty of professional practice or a related specialty. 8.3 Indications for Peer Review The procedures provided in this Article shall be invoked, after collegial intervention efforts have not resolved the issue, whenever it appears that the activities or professional conduct of any member of the Medical Staff :

8.3.1 Jeopardizes or may jeopardize the care, treatment or provision of medical services to a patient, or the safety of a patient, visitor or employee; 8.3.2 Each case in which there is suspected deviation standard of care or professional practice, an adverse outcome or failing to meet the established criteria for management, or a patient or provider complaint shall be reviewed. 8.3.3 Each service line and the Quality Improvement, Patient Safety, and Clinical Risk Management Department shall determine which clinical outcome indicator(s) require peer review. 8.3.4 All unexpected/preventable mortalities occurring during hospitalization or immediately after discharge (when known) shall be reviewed. Initial screening criteria may be implemented to determine when physician peer reviewed is required. 8.3.5 Presents a question regarding the competence, character, judgment, ethics, stability of personality, including the ability to work cooperatively with others in the provision of safe patient care, treatment and services, adequate physical and mental health, moral character, or qualification of the member; or 8.3.6 Violates these Bylaws, Rules and Regulation of the Medical Staff, the Rules and Regulations of the Departments of the Medical Staff, or Hospital policies, including