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**Section 1**

* 1. **Policy Statement**

The Cardiology Governance Committee is an interdisciplinary team whose objectives are to coordinate and standardize all aspects of care for patients within the cardiology system for Hendrick Health. This includes oversight of all hospital acute care aspects such as Cath Lab, Cardiovascular Operating Room (CVOR), Electrophysiology (EP), Structural Heart, and Non-Invasive Testing. This also includes oversight for the ambulatory services that include the Cardiac and Peripheral Artery Disease Rehab, Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Clinic, Cardiology practice clinics and Cardiology access outreach.

#### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Committee is to provide oversight and have a decision-making team focused on patient safety, quality of care, access to services, and patient satisfaction. The Cardiology Governance Committee provides authority over clinical policies, clinical privileges, and procedures within all cardiology departments of Hendrick Health. The goal of this committee is to ensure that patients receive the highest level of care based on best practices and industry standards, ensures fiscal responsibility, and focuses on the cardiology vision in order to strategize and grow the program. Any matter of importance to a highly functioning cardiovascular service can be brought before the committee.

**SECTION 2**

#### 2.1 Composition

2.1.1 The Cardiology Governance Committee is comprised of physician leaders and administrative dyad leaders. The Executive Medical Director for the Cardiology Governance Committee chairs the Committee providing structure and direction.

2.1.2 The Cardiology Governance Committee is composed of Medical Directors and dyad leaders from all Cardiology sub-section committees that includes: Cardiovascular Surgery, Invasive Cardiology, Non-Invasive Cardiology, Electrophysiology, Ambulatory Services, Hendrick Medical Center South, and Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood sub-sections.

#### 2.2 Duties

 2.2.1 The Cardiology Governance Committee

A. Develops, establishes, and oversees appropriate policies related to the care and treatment of cardiology patients;

B. Monitors, reviews and reports quality data;

C. Oversees and manages the efficiencies of each area of cardiology;

D. Reviews the written policies and procedures for cardiovascular services and recommends changes when needed in order to maintain standards of care;

E. Provides guidance and direction for strategy and growth;

F. Makes recommendations and oversees financial aspects and alignment within the system;

G. Assists in developing operational throughput with all aspects of patient care;

H. Recommends changes and regularly updates privilege forms for all Cardiology and Cardiovascular practitioners;

I. Performs other related duties as directed by the Cardiology Executive Medical Director, the Performance Improvement Committee, and/or the Medical Executive Committee.

#### 2.3 Meetings

2.3.1 The Cardiology Governance Committee meets monthly, or as deemed necessary by the chair of the committee. Minutes of the committee meetings will be prepared and retained. They will include at a minimum, a record of the attendance of members and actions taken on significant matters. The meeting minutes and review of warranted actions will be forwarded to the Performance Improvement Committee, which reports to the Medical Executive Committee.