

JERSEY SHORE MEDICAL CENTER  
Neptune, NJ

Department of Anesthesiology

**GUIDELINES FOR THE CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT  
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY**

The Chronic Pain Division is established under the Department of Anesthesiology for those physicians wishing to restrict their practice to Chronic Pain Management. Chronic Pain is defined as pain persisting for more than three months. These physicians will be allowed to perform Chronic Pain procedures in the Operating Room and Clinic. They may not perform any anesthetic procedure which is not specifically designated as Chronic Pain Management. The Department Chair shall have the ultimate responsibility to determine whether a procedure shall be designated as a Chronic Pain Management Procedure. Physicians exclusively practicing Chronic Pain may do so without call responsibility for operative anesthesia.

**Qualifications:**

1. All candidates must be licensed qualified physicians who have successfully completed a Chronic Pain Management Fellowship training program approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties.
2. All candidates must be Board Eligible/Board Certified in Chronic Pain Management by the American Board of Anesthesiology added qualifications or the American Board of Pain Management.
3. All candidates must be appointed by the Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology according to the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Anesthesiology and the Bylaws of the Medical and Dental Staff of the Hospital.

**Responsibilities/Duties:**

1. Chronic Pain Specialists must observe the same standards of high quality patient care as all Anesthesiology Department physicians. They must act in accordance with all Hospital and Anesthesiology policies and procedures, including the Bylaws of the Medical and Dental Staff and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Anesthesiology.
2. Physicians exclusively practicing Chronic Pain Management shall not administer any operative anesthesia.

**Guidelines for the Chronic Pain Management Division of the Department of Anesthesiology**

3. Approved Chronic Pain procedures must only be performed for Chronic Pain and not for Acute Pain conditions.
4. Chronic Pain Specialists shall not provide anesthesia in the Operating Room although they may perform Chronic Pain Management in the Operating Room as indicated.
5. Chronic Pain Management shall not participate in Acute Pain Management.
  - a) Acute Pain Services include PCA management and all regional anesthesia for the relief of post-operative pain.
6. If sedation is required for Chronic Pain procedures, it will be provided by an appropriate member of the Department of Anesthesiology and not the Chronic Pain Management Physician, unless otherwise approved by the Department Chair.
  - a) Such procedures should be scheduled as an O.R. procedure.
  - b) The appropriate anesthesia for the case shall be determined by the attending anesthesiologist and not the Chronic Pain Specialist.
7. Chronic Pain Management physicians must participate equally in Clinic and charity care patients as per Meridian Hospital Rules and Regulations.

Approved:



Douglas Manganello, M.D.

Chair

Department of Anesthesiology

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