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Pediatric Cardiology

Medical Staff Policies & Procedures

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PURPOSE: To define the qualifications and to ensure quality reading and interpretation of studies by the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital pediatric cardiology staff. To ensure quality readings and interpretation of pediatric ECHO and EKG, heart rhythm monitors and echocardiography

SCOPE: Tests included in the policy and procedure are electrocardiogram (EKGs), echocardiography (ECHO) studies, Holter rhythm studies for pediatric practices ages 0 to 21 years

POLICY STATEMENT: The K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital Pediatric Cardiology staff will exercise the privilege to perform and read their own patient's EKG's, heart rhythm monitoring and ECHO's.

Eligibility:

- Must be board eligible or certified in pediatric cardiology
- They must be a member of the medical staff at JSUMC
- They must be able to read emergency studies within an hour for such patients
- They must have demonstrated professional behavior and ability to work collaboratively with peers and with staff
- They begin exercising this privilege as a new member of staff after a provisional period that includes completing an FPPE of at least 5 proctored EKG's and ECHO's

Procedure:

1. Credentialed pediatric cardiologist will have a monthly call schedule of doctor on call
2. Any procedure ordered by a non-reading staff will be directed to the on call doctor for interpretation

Documents referenced:

Pediatrics
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Guidelines for Pediatric Cardiovascular Centers
Section on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery