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In accordance with the *Public Hospital's Act*, Ontario Regulation 965, Hospital Management, the Board of Directors (Board) of Health Sciences North (HSN) recognizes that it has the responsibility to ensure that there is an effective system that includes at a minimum the following components:

1. A committee appointed by the hospital reviews every critical incident, as soon as is practicable after the critical incident occurs. O. Reg. 484/16, s. 1 (1).
2. A person acting on behalf of the hospital shall offer to interview the affected patient or person lawfully authorized if the affected patient is incapable as per the Act.
3. A person designated by the hospital who has responsibility in the area of patient relations or in providing patient perspectives to the hospital participate in each review of a critical incident. O. Reg. 484/16, s. 1 (1).
4. Disclosure to the patient and/or family occurs as per the Act.
5. That the incident is analyzed and a plan developed with systemic steps to avoid or reduce the risk of further similar critical incidents O. Reg. 156/10, s. 1 (3).
6. All events are reported to the Administrator and Medical Advisory Committee by the end of the next business day.
7. At least; aggregated critical incident data be provided to the hospital's quality committee as established under subsection 3 (1) of the *Excellent Care for All Act, 2010* at least two times per year.

The Board delegates responsibility and concomitant authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief of Staff (COS) to monitor and assess these qualities of care activities.

The purpose of the *Quality of Care Information Protection Act, 2016 (QCIPA)* is to enable confidential discussions in which information relating to errors, systemic problems and opportunities for quality improvement in health care delivery can be shared within authorized health facilities, in order to improve the quality of health care delivered to patients.

Under QCIPA (2016), a “**quality of care committee**” means a body of one or more individuals that perform quality of care functions and these are defined as the activities carried on for the purpose of studying, assessing or evaluating the provision of health care and include conducting reviews of critical incidents.

The Quality of Care Review Committee's primary purpose is to oversee HSN's system for critical incident review and investigation as well as review matters which may give rise to significant quality of care concerns.

The Board designates the functions of the "Quality of Care Committee" to the Quality of Care Review Committee.

**References and Related Documents**

*Public Hospitals Act, Reg. 965*

*Quality of Care Information Protection Act, 2016 (QCIPA)*

Terms of Reference – Quality of Care Review Committee