



Policy Area: Medical Staff
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I. PURPOSE

To provide continuity of care within Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southlake (TH Southlake). This policy and procedure applies to the situation of physician termination or resignation from a patient case.

II. POLICY

TH Southlake shall oversee that patients have continuity of care in the event of physician termination or resignation.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. When a physician resigns from a case:
 - 1. The charge nurse notifies the Chief of Staff.
 - 2. Chief of Staff assumes the responsibility of the patient's care until a new physician accepts responsibility for the patient's care.
 - 3. The Administrator On Call is advised of the situation.
- B. When the patient, or family, dismisses the attending physician, follow #1 and 2 above.