

Requirement for Continuity of Care

The Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program (NHMSFAP) Committee is responsible for establishing accreditation standards for non-hospital facilities and ensuring that facilities meet required standards for the quality and safety of service delivery in an accredited non-hospital facility.

This policy addresses the requirements for ensuring continuity of care for medical staff at non-hospital facilities.

1. All medical staff practising in a non-hospital facility must ensure continuity of care for their patients, including those patients who require admission to a hospital following a procedure at the facility.
2. Registrants of a facility who hold active or admitting privileges at a hospital local to the facility must:
 - a. be available by telephone and be able to attend the non-hospital facility to assess and/or treat the patient as appropriate to the patient's condition
 - b. admit to hospital and manage the patient as appropriate to the patient's condition
3. Registrants of a facility who do not hold active or admitting privileges at a hospital local to the facility must:
 - a. be available by telephone and be able to attend the non-hospital facility to assess and/or treat the patient as appropriate to the patient's condition
 - b. for any patient requiring admission to hospital, first have a registrant designate of the same specialty who holds active privileges at a hospital local to the

