

# Hospital Survey Definitions

## Nursing Personnel Category:

- A. **Administration** – Chief Nurse Executive, (CNE), Chief Nursing Officer, (CNO), Directors & Nursing Supervisors, Administrators, Assistant Administrators, Department Administration Assistants who are Registered Nurses (RNs). RNs responsible for assuring provision of patient care services and/or for coordinating patient care given by other licensed and unlicensed nursing personnel.
- B. **Nursing Services**
- a. **Staff Nurses** (all areas) are RNs who provide direct care to patients.
  - b. **Case Managers** are RNs responsible for assuring and coordinating appropriate and cost-effective health services for specific groups of patients.
  - c. **Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement Nurses** are RNs responsible for programs and policies related to the identification and monitoring of patient outcomes and process improvement.
  - d. **Clinical Nurse Specialists** are RNs with a master's degree in an area of specialization that provide care to selected patients, patient and/or staff education or consultation, coordinator of special projects and/or administrative support.
  - e. **Infection Control Nurses** are RNs responsible for programs and policies related to prevention, identification and monitoring of infectious disease processes.
  - f. **In-Service Educators** are RNs responsible for orientation and training services within the institution for licensed and/or unlicensed personnel.
  - g. **Patient Educators** are RNs whose primary responsibility is to provide educational services for self-care to a specific group of patients, i.e. diabetics.
  - h. **First Assistants** are RNs who, with additional training, function in the operating room as first assistants to the surgeon.
  - i. **Nurse-Midwives (CNM)** are RNs who are nationally certified to provide care for mothers and babies throughout the maternity cycle.
  - j. **Other RNs** are any other RNs not listed above.