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I. <u>PURPOSE</u>

To assure that the hospital, through the activities of its medical staff, assesses the ongoing professional practice and competence of its medical staff, conducts professional practice evaluations, and uses the results of such assessments and evaluations to improve professional competency, practice, and care. This policy covers all medical staff members as identified in the Medical Staff Bylaws. The term "physician" will be used in this document to represent all Medical Staff Members. Efforts are made to both evaluate individual physician performance as well as to improve the system of care.

Throughout this Policy, the phrase "Professional Practice Evaluation" replaces the traditional phrase "Peer Review." This policy refers to the records and proceedings of the Medical Staff, which has the responsibility of evaluation and improvement of the quality of care rendered in the Hospital. The records and proceedings of the Medical Staff that relate to this Policy in any way are protected from discovery pursuant to California Evidence Code, Section 1157.

Goals:

- A. Identify opportunities for practice and performance improvement of individual physicians who have privileges in the Hospital and teams.
- B. Monitor clinical performance of Medical Staff physicians.
- C. Monitor for significant trends in performance by analyzing aggregate data and case findings.
- D. Assure that the process for professional practice evaluation is clearly defined, objective, equitable, defensible, timely, and useful.
- E. Improve the quality of care provided by individual physicians.
- F. Identify and help execute system-wide improvement, addressable by focused project teams and enterprise-wide performance improvement efforts.

II. <u>POLICY STATEMENT</u>

It is the policy of Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford (LPCHS) to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements regarding ongoing professional practice evaluation and focused professional practice evaluation. Ongoing data review and findings of physician practice and performance are evaluated by professional practice evaluation committees with a focus on improvement. The findings of those committees are used to assess the quality of care of individual physicians.

III. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- A. Professional Practice Evaluation
 - 1. Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) is a program that allows the Medical Staff to identify professional practice trends that have an impact on quality of care and patient safety on an ongoing basis.

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	 rates compared against established benchmarks or norms. c. Individual evaluation is based on generally recognized cli This process provides physicians with feedback for person confirmation of personal achievement related to the effect professional, technical, and interpersonal skills in providing 	nically appropriate care. nal improvement and/or iveness of their
2.	 Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (FPPE) is a process vevaluates to a greater extent the competency and professional pphysician. FPPE is not considered an investigation as defined is and is not subject to regulations afforded in the investigation pranaction plan to perform an investigation, the process identifie Bylaws would be followed. a. The proctoring program is a component of FPPE (see Profor newly appointed medical staff members is managed by Department. 	berformance of a specific in the Medical Staff Bylaws rocess. If a FPPE results in ed in the Medical Staff ctoring policy). Proctoring

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) the Associate Chief Medical Officers (ACMOs), The Medical and Surgical CIC Co-Chairs, the President of the Medical Staff, and/or Department Chair.

(See sections V.D. Thresholds for focused review and V.B.1 for Performance Review Committee).

- B. Peer
 - 1. A "peer" is an individual who is practicing in the same profession and who has expertise in the appropriate subject matter.
 - 2. The level of subject matter expertise required to provide meaningful evaluation of a physician's performance will determine what "practicing in the same profession" means on a case-by-case basis.

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- C. Professional Practice Evaluation Committees (PPEC)
 - 1. The "Professional Practice Evaluation Committee(s)" are designated by the Medical Executive Committee or its designee to perform professional practice evaluation on an ongoing basis. The Service Chief, or his/her designee will determine the degree of subject matter expertise required for a provider to be considered a peer for all professional practice evaluations performed by or on behalf of the hospital. See Appendix A for procedure.
 - 2. See Appendix B for list of professional practice evaluation committees.

D. Conflict of Interest

- 1. A member of the Medical Staff asked to perform professional practice evaluation may have a conflict of interest if he or she is not able to render an unbiased opinion due to some substantive and quantifiable reason such as involvement in the patient's care or direct competition with the physician under review.
- 2. It is the individual reviewer's obligation to disclose the potential conflict to the professional practice evaluation committee.
- 3. The professional practice evaluation committee's responsibility is to determine whether the conflict would prevent the individual from participating and the extent of that participation if allowed.
- 4. Individuals determined to have a conflict may be present during the group discussion and professional practice evaluation. They will, however, be required to recuse themselves from the review and/or causal analysis.

IV. <u>PRINCIPLES</u>

- A. The PPE Process should be viewed as an engine for learning and systems improvement rather than judgment or punishment. Individual attribution of suboptimal care will be performed only when system errors are excluded, educational opportunities have been fully exploited, or trend of concerning issues is noted.
 - 1. Member driven, with a significant increase in self-reporting
 - 2. Transparent
 - 3. Constructive
 - 4. Dynamic
 - 5. Focused on both team function, individual and team accountability
 - 6. Intimately linked with Quality Improvement
- B. Human Factors
 - 1. To err is human. Therefore, humans delivering health care will occasionally make errors, and simple human error does not necessarily indicate substandard care or a substandard caregiver. However, we are all responsible to continually identify and implement means of minimizing the effects of human fallibility on the care of patients.
 - 2. Except in rare cases of clearly unacceptable care, the medical staff organization's primary goal is to support fellow medical staff members in their ongoing efforts to improve their own quality of care; equally importantly we aim to assist in identifying and encouraging systematic improvements in our care processes, always with the goal of improving the overall quality of care at LPCHS.

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C. Confidentiality

- 1. Professional Practice Evaluation information is privileged and confidential in accordance with medical staff and hospital bylaws, state, and federal laws (including California Evidence Code Section 1157), and regulations pertaining to confidentiality and non-discoverability.
 - a. Committee members will sign a statement of confidentiality at initial participation and annually thereafter.
 - b. Attendance will be kept for each professional practice evaluation meeting and committee members unable to maintain at least 50% attendance over a year may be replaced.

c. The hospital will keep provider-specific professional practice evaluation and other quality information concerning a physician in a secure location. Provider specific professional practice evaluation information includes information related to:

- (1) Performance data for all dimensions of performance measured for that individual physician.
- (2) The individual physician's role in sentinel events, significant incidents, or near misses.
- (3) Correspondence to the physician regarding commendations, comments regarding practice performance, or corrective action.
- d. Professional practice evaluation information is available only to authorized individuals who have a legitimate need to know this information, based upon their responsibilities as a medical staff leader or hospital employee. They shall have access to the information only to the extent necessary to carry out their assigned responsibilities. Only the following individuals shall have access to provider-specific professional practice evaluation information, and only for purposes of quality improvement and as part of their official duties. The components of the quality file which are available are limited to the Performance Report (unless otherwise stated).
 - (1) CMO, Associate CMOs, Medical and Surgical Co-chairs of CIC, President and Vice President of the Medical Staff (complete file is available)
 - (2) Medical staff service chiefs for members of their division only (complete file is available)
 - (3) Care Improvement Committee
 - (4) The involved physician (as provided in the Medical Staff Bylaws)
 - (5) Hospital Risk Management
 - (6) Hospital quality staff who support PPECs
 - (7) Medical staff services professionals to the extent that access to this information is necessary for the reappointment or re-credentialing process or formal corrective action
 - (8) Individuals surveying for accrediting bodies with appropriate jurisdiction (e.g., The Joint Commission or state/federal regulatory bodies)
 - (9) Credentials Committee at the time of re-appointment or upon request of the Chair.
 - (10) Department Chair.
 - (11) Chief Quality Officer
 - (12) Chief Medical Office

- e. No copies of professional practice evaluation documents will be created and distributed unless authorized by CMO, Associate CMOs, or President of the Medical Staff or policy.
- D. Reliability of Review Process
 - 1. Professional practice evaluation is conducted in a manner that is objective, equitable, timely and consistent.
 - a. Case selection is done by use of pre-determined indicators and referrals. See Appendix A, B.
 - b. Objective screening per pre-determined criteria is part of the screening process for case identification.
 - c. Review of cases is performed by the PPECs or CIC members in accordance with procedures listed in Appendix D.
 - d. Follow-up is conducted as identified in Appendix A and will be reported to the Medical Executive Committee as needed.
 - 2. The Care Improvement Committee (CIC) will evaluate reliability of Professional Practice Evaluation committees based on reports submitted to CIC.

V. OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING

- A. Direct oversight of the professional practice evaluation process is delegated by the Medical Executive Committee to the Care Improvement Committee.
 - 1. The Care Improvement Committee will meet at least quarterly Additional meetings will be held if warranted. The CIC will follow the process outlined in Appendix A of this document except that the attending physician is not required to attend the meeting unless he/she requests to participate or unless requested by the PPEC chair.
 - 2. The Care Improvement Committee will review cases that were identified at the Service PPEC level as significant system/process and team function issues and also upon recommendation of the CIC Physician Leadership Council which are rated by the service PPECs in any of the following ways:
 - a. 3 or more services involved or reviewed
 - b. 4 or more categories chosen on the taxonomy tool
 - c. Discretion of PPE Program Manager

Causal Analysis

- a. Each case reviewed at the PPEC will be rated with causal analysis. Care at LPCHS Stanford is provided by inter-professional teams, and one individual is seldom responsible for outcomes independent of others. As such, the PPE process identifies whether the rating should be attributed to "teams" or to individual physicians.
- b. If individual physician performance concerns are raised, the PPEC co-chairs will refer the case to the Performance Review Committee (Section V. B)

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3. The CIC Physician Leadership Councils an adjunct to the CIC and consists of the Medical and Surgical CIC Co-Chairs (ACMOs) and the PPE Program Managers. The Council meets at least quarterly. The CIC Physician Leadership Council functions as an advisory council to the CIC on professional practice evaluation issues including, but not limited to:

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- a. PPEC case reviews to determine appropriate action plan, including referral to CIC, Service Chiefs, Administrative Committees, or Medical Executive Committee
- b. Professional Practice Evaluation Policy review
- c. Recommendation of OPPE or case review indicators
- d. Educational needs of the Medical Staff identified through professional practice evaluation, i.e. informed consent
- 4. The CIC reviews the actions taken by the service PPEC to identify whether further action is required. If further action is required, the CIC will identify the appropriate committee, service, hospital administrator or physician leadership for required follow-up.
- 5. The Care Improvement Committee will report to the Medical Executive Committee at least once each year.
- B Performance Review Committee
 - 1. This is an ad hoc committee formed when there is a case in which concerns are raised regarding significant physician performance issues. The committee is accountable to the CIC and MEC. The committee will be composed medical staff leadership including CMO, ACMOs, President of the Medical Staff, CQO, Service Chief of the involved physician(s), and may include other subject matter experts. The PRC will determine if any of the following actions are needed: 1) no action, 2) track and trend case rating by physician, 3) form an ad hoc PRC to review performance, 4) develop a Performance Improvement Plan and/or request an FPPE. All data will be maintained in a confidential database that will be available for continuous reporting and trending of physicians
- C. Reporting of OPPE Data
 - 1. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford developed a strategic plan to revise the institution's OPPE reporting system to be more aligned with national best practices and The Joint Commission requirements. The new OPPE reporting builds on the existing measurement framework, which is based on the ACGME core competencies: patient care, medical knowledge, professionalism, interpersonal and communication skills, and systems-based practice. This structure aims to provide a holistic evaluation of a physician's professional practice. The Care Improvement Committee (CIC) has responsibility for approval of generic metrics and targets.

The OPPE report includes a combination of generic metrics that apply to all specialties as well as specialty-specific metrics. The following are the generic metrics:

- a. Timely Completion of H&P Note
- b. HIMS Suspensions
- c. Behavioral Events

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- d. Patient/Family Grievances
- e. Exemplary Care
- f. Annual Education: Attestation

The OPPE reporting includes specialty-specific metrics for each specialty to better represent the specialized care that each specialty provides. Specialty-specific metrics are being developed with the Service Chief for each specialty.

- 2. OPPE profiles will be distributed to the Service Chiefs and the Medical Staff Office. Individual Physician Profiles will be in each physician's credentialing file to be used as an assessment of quality of care upon reappointment.
- 3. OPPE profiles from Stanford Health Care (SHC) will be used for physicians in the SHC Staff Category to supplement the decision for granting privileges based on the information sharing agreement between both hospitals.
- 4. Requests for physician performance data, see "Confidentiality of Medical Staff/Advance Practice Professional Staff Records".
 - a. Requests for physician performance data will be made by the individual physician in writing.
 - b. The most recent Physician Performance Report in total will be shared as designated in the request. No partial reports will be provided
- D. Targets for focused review:
 - 1. The following are examples when a focused review as part of the FPPE process may be requested by the PPEC Co-Chair, Service Chief, CMO, ACMO, or CQO.
 - a. Any single egregious case or sentinel event as judged by the CMO, ACMO, the CIC, or President of the Medical Staff or designee may result in a focused review.
 - b. If a physician's individual performance exceeds the predetermined target for generic and/or specialty OPPE metrics indicator (see Appendix C).
 - 2. Upon completion of the FPPE, the results will be shared with the physician under review, who will have the opportunity to submit a response, on such terms as the PRC Ad-Hoc committee shall establish. This will occur prior to the report to the Medical Executive Committee.
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 - 3. The results of this review will be presented to the Medical Executive Committee, and in summary to the Board of Directors.

E. Circumstances which may require external professional practice evaluation:

- 1. External professional practice evaluation will take place under the following circumstances if deemed appropriate by the Care Improvement Committee, CMO, ACMO, President and VP of the Medical Staff, and/or designee.
 - a. Cases involving litigation, or the potential for a lawsuit as determined by Risk Management.

- b. Ambiguity when dealing with vague or conflicting recommendations from internal reviewers or PPEC and conclusions from this review will directly affect a physician's membership or privileges.
- c. Lack of internal expertise or conflict of interest when no one on the medical staff has adequate expertise in the specialty under review or when the only physicians on the Medical Staff with that expertise are determined to have a conflict of interest regarding the physician under review as described above.
- d. New technology when a medical staff member requests permission to use new technology or perform a procedure new to the hospital and the medical staff does not have the necessary subject matter expertise to adequately evaluate the quality of care involved.
- e. Miscellaneous issues –the Medical Executive Committee or governing board may require external professional practice evaluation in any circumstances deemed appropriate by either of these bodies.
- 2. The Care Improvement Committee will inform the Medical Executive Committee when there is a request for external professional practice evaluation

VI. <u>RELATED DOCUMENTS</u>

- A. Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Medical Staff
- B. Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation Standards: Medical Staff
- C. Confidentiality of Medical Staff/Advance Practice Professional Staff Records

VII. <u>APPENDICES</u>

- A. Professional Practice Evaluation Process/Procedure
- B. Diagram for PPE Committee Structure and Reporting Relationship
- C. Indicator List by Division/Department
- D. New Causal Analysis Taxonomy Tool

VIII. DOCUMENT INFORMATION

- A. Legal Authority/References
 - 1. Medical Staff Standards located in the Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation Standards
- 2. California Evidence Code 1157
- B. Author/Original Date December 11, 2006
- C. Distribution and Training Requirements
- 1. This policy resides in the Medical Staff Office Policy Manual for LPCHS.
- 2. New documents or any revised documents will be distributed to physicians through the Medical Staff Office.
- D. Review and Renewal Requirements This policy will be reviewed and/or revised every three years or as required by change of law or practice.

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- 1. Medical Staff Quality Assurance and Improvement Activities October 2002
- 2. Medical Staff Professional Practice Evaluation Policy December 2006; September 2009; October 2012; October 2016; March 2018

F. Approvals

- 1. Medical Executive Committee LPCHS: April 12, 2007, September 19, 2009; November 8, 2012; October 14, 2016; March 3, 2018, 1/21
- 2. LPCHS Hospital Board: April 20, 2007, October 16, 2009, November 16, 2012; October 18, 2016, 1/21

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Appendix A

Professional Practice Evaluation Process/Procedure

- A. Professional practice evaluation committees
 - 1. A quorum is required for all committee actions, including case analysis, closure of summary cases, and performance improvement activities.
 - 2. A quorum is defined as a minimum of three members, excluding any members who have cases under review.
 - 3. PPECs (see Appendix B) that meet on a regular basis to review (at least 4 times per year).
 - 3. In addition to cases identified by case review indicators, cases may be reviewed based on specific referral criteria (see B2).
 - 4. Individual PPECs identify follow-up actions needed based on individual case review and/or identified trends.
 - 5. Follow-up actions identified by the PPECs are assigned to the appropriate committee, service, and hospital administrator or physician leadership. Communication of action plan taken is reported back to that PPEC.
- B. Indicators for review (see Appendix B for listing by committee)
 - 1. Rule and rate based indicators identify individual instances of noncompliance with administrative or clinical processes.
 - a. The Care Improvement Committee approves generic OPPE indicators for the medical staff. Service specific metrics for Practice Based Indicators are selected by the Service Chiefs of individual divisions/departments in collaboration with the analytics department.
 - b. Predetermined targets for each indicator are identified (see Appendix C).
 - c. When a target is exceeded, the Service Chief determines if a focused review is indicated.
 - d. Rule and rate based indicators are evaluated periodically to determine if the indicator(s) and target(s) should be modified.
 - 2. Individual case review
 - a. Cases for individual case review will be based on "significant clinical events" identified by:
 - (1) Pre-determined review indicators including, but not limited to, return to ICU within 24 hours, expiration, unplanned return to surgery, and complications of a procedure.
 - (2) Incident reports
 - (3) Patient/family grievances
 - (4) Sentinel events and events required by regulatory agencies to be reported
 - (5) Referral from physicians or other clinicians

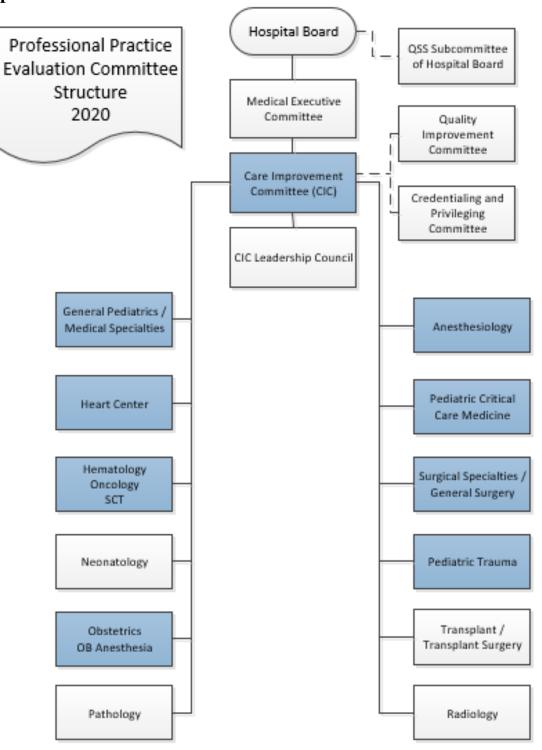
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e. Provide Medical Staff Office with OI performance reports and Physician Pe Plans and progress updates as approp	erformance Improvement
 D. Professional practice evaluation time frames: Professional practice evaluation will be conducted a timely manner. The goal is for routine cases to days from the date the case is identified for review and the date the case is identified for review be will be prioritized for review at the P. B. If the physician invited to the PPEC review at the timing of the PPEC meeting, the prioritized for review at provided request a postponement of the review one month postponement, the case without the presence of the physician meeting. C. For cases involving physicians on safe cases which cannot be postponed, the be at the discretion of the CIC Medice 2. Complex cases are monitored by the Center for Value. A complex case may be one where mult or one which requires external review for reaso V.D. 	o be completed within 90 iew. by the PPEC Co-Chairs, it PEC meeting. meeting has a conflict with physician may submit in the case, or may of or one month. After a ill be reviewed with or (s) involved at the next bbatical, or for urgent te timing of the review will al and Surgical Co-Chairs. ime beyond 90 days. The Pediatric and Maternal iple services are involved,

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Indicator List by Division/Department

The Medical Staff at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford have selected the General Competencies and Expectations from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as a framework for assessing the competency of each member of the medical staff. These competencies are also used for Board Certification. The following indicators have been selected for each competency, and will be used for all physicians. Each service may select additional indicators when appropriate.

Patient Care

<u>Definition</u> – Physicians are expected to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the promotion of health, prevention of illness, treatment of disease, and at the end of life.	<u>Target</u>
Indicator –Service specific metrics are selected by individual divisions/ departments.	Per service specifications

Medical Knowledge

Definition – Physicians are expected to demonstrate knowledge of established and	Target
evolving biomedical, clinical, and social sciences and the application of their	
knowledge to patient care and the education of others.	
Indicator – Most recent completion date of the annual education attestation. "Not	N/A
available" indicates there is no completion date on file.	

Practice Based Learning

Definition – Physicians are expected to be able to use scientific evidence and	Target
methods to investigate, evaluate, and improve care.	
Indicator –Service specific metrics are selected by individual divisions/ departments	Per service
	specifications

Interpersonal Communication

Definition – Physicians are expected to demonstrate interpersonal and	Target
communication skills that enable them to establish and maintain professional	
relationships with patients, families, and other members of the healthcare team.	
Indicator –Percentage of H&P notes in EPIC dictated ≤ 24 hours of admission	≥ 90%
Indicator – Total number of HIMS suspensions due to medical record incompletion	≤3

Professionalism

Definition – Physicians are expected to demonstrate behaviors that reflect a commitment to continuous professional development, ethical practice, an understanding and sensitivity to diversity, and a responsible attitude toward their patients, their profession, and society.	<u>Target</u>
Indicator – Exemplary Care	None
Indicator – Patient Family Grievances	≤1
Indicator – Behavioral Events	≤ 1

System-based Learning

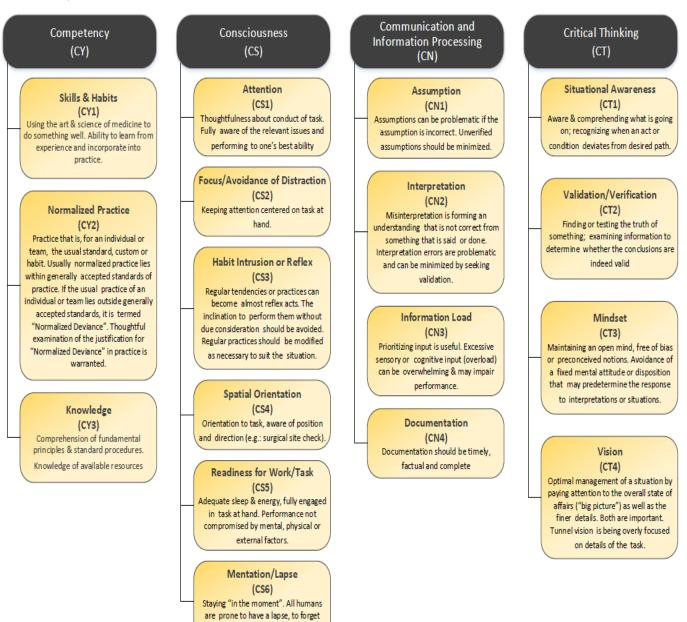
Definition – Physicians are expected to demonstrate an understanding of the	Target
contexts and systems in which health care is provided and the ability to apply this	
knowledge to improve and optimize healthcare.	
Indicator –Service specific metrics are selected by the Service Chief of individual	Per service
divisions/ departments.	specifications

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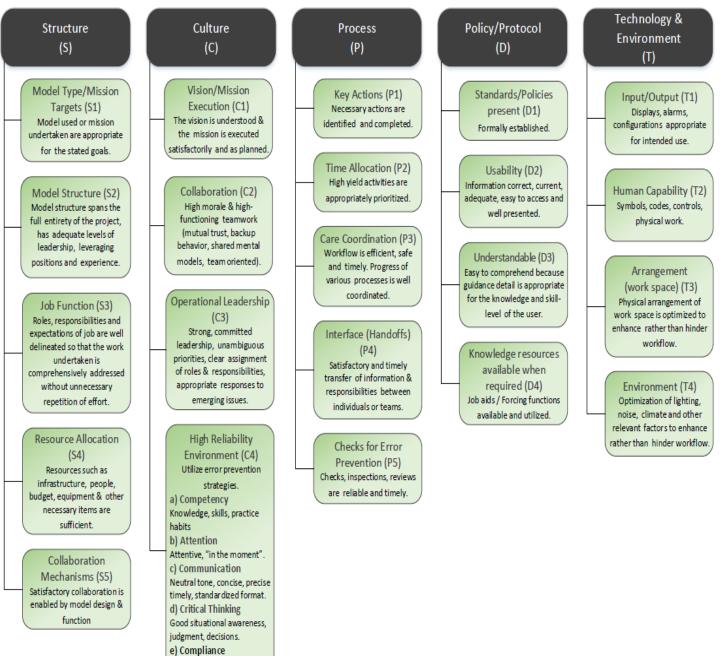
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Taxonomy of Systems and Processes



Adhere to existing standards.

Descriptions for HPI Taxonomy