

SCOPE OF CARE FOR PATIENTS AT RIVERWALK SURGERY CENTER

Riverwalk Surgery Center opened in 1997 to provide outpatient orthopedic surgery, pain management and anesthesia services. Procedures performed are deemed appropriate and approved by the Governing Body. Licensed by the State of Florida and certified by Medicare, the facility accepts payment from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as private carriers and contracts with managed care organizations.

The Center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC). The staff of Riverwalk Surgery Center, Inc. recognizes Universal Moral Principles and the Principles of Professional Ethics as elaborated in the ANA “Standards of Peri-operative Clinical Practice” and the “Standards of Peri-operative Professional Performance”. Both the Medical and Professional Staff also follow the state’s practice acts Ethical Standards as guidelines in our practice.

Universal Moral Principles:

- **Autonomy: Self-Determination**
- **Beneficence: Doing Good**
- **Non Malfesance: Avoiding harm, preventing harm**
- **Veracity: Truth telling**
- **Confidentiality: Respecting privileged information**
- **Justice: Treating people fairly**
- **Fidelity: Faithfulness to promise, duties**

Surgical procedures are scheduled for elective procedures. The two operating rooms accommodate orthopedic surgical, podiatry and pain management procedures requiring general, MAC, and regional anesthesia. Patients appropriate for treatment are limited to Class 1, 2, and 3 ASA physical status classifications.

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Hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays when the clinical practice is in operation. Patients are instructed that after hour urgent or emergency care is provided at nearest hospital, i.e. Lee Memorial Health System, comprised of Lee Memorial Hospital, HealthPark Hospital, or Gulf Coast Hospital. The Medical Staff is comprised of twelve orthopedic surgeons, one podiatrist, one pain management physician, and a contracted anesthesia group. Patient care activities are directed by a registered nurse. Staffing may vary in accordance with caseload to include experienced registered nurses and licensed practical nurses that work under direct supervision of a registered nurse.

Patient population is limited to 12 years of age and older with high utilization by geriatric patients. The majority of patients reside in the Lee County area or are here on a seasonal basis.