

Saint Elsewhere Hospital Nurse Staffing Guidelines

Saint Elsewhere hospital is committed to providing the highest quality and safest care to our patients.

- ◆ Our nursing units are staffed with highly skilled registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and licensed nursing assistants and other assistive personnel.
- ◆ Each unit has a written staffing plan developed to accommodate a projected average daily patient census.
- ◆ The patient census is reviewed each shift by a unit nurse leader. Staffing is adjusted as needed to meet patient needs.
- ◆ Nursing supervisors are on duty at all times to assist with adjusting nursing unit staffing when unexpected fluctuations in patient census or need occur.

Saint Elsewhere Hospital follows the Staffing Guidelines set by the American Nurses Association, *Principles for Nurse Staffing*, American Nurses Publishing, Washington, D.C., 1999 and the Saint Elsewhere Nurse Staffing Committee.

If you would like more information about these guidelines, please speak with the nurse manager on the unit or contact the Nursing Office at 999-9999.