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| **Figure 1.6** | **Medical Staff Categories Language** |
| The following are categories and definitions of medical staff that most organizations use in order to provide optimal care for patients and to recognize practitioners’ skills.  **Active staff:** Active staff members must be involved in [n] patient contacts (i.e., an inpatient admission, in- patient referral, inpatient or outpatient care, interpretation, consultation, or surgical/interventional procedure) per year at [Hospital]. Active staff members may vote on matters presented at the meetings of the medical staff, serve on medical staff committees, and hold medical staff officer positions, including service chief and/ or committee chair.  **Associate staff:** Associate staff members must be involved in a minimum of [n] patient contacts at [Hospital] during their initial provisional appointment period. Associate staff are medical staff members who:   1. Do not meet the eligibility requirements for the active staff category 2. Choose not to pursue active status. They may attend meetings of the medical staff [with/without vote] and applicable service meetings [with/without vote] and committee meetings (with vote), depending on an organization’s bylaws language. | |
| ***NOTE:*** Physicians in both active and associate staff categories must comply with all applicable medical staff bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies, including the responsibility for call, for their patients, and for unassigned emergency room patients. | |
| **Community staff:** Members are considered members of the medical staff but have no clinical privileges and limited medical staff responsibilities and prerogatives. Community staff consists of physicians who de- sire medical staff appointment to access hospital services through referrals in order to provide continuity of care to their patients, to continue to contribute to the medical community and the hospital, and/or to satisfy a criterion of medical staff membership for participation in managed care organization panels.  **Consulting staff:** Members are practitioners who are renowned for their professional expertise. Appointees [must be currently appointed to the active staff of another hospital]. Members may treat patients within the limits of their assigned clinical privileges and may attend medical staff meetings [without vote], applicable service meetings [without vote], and committee meetings [with vote].  **Courtesy staff:** Physicians who admit relatively few patients per year, are not active members of the staff, and don’t usually treat patients at [Hospital]. Courtesy staff members must be involved in at least [n] but no more than [n] patient contacts at [Hospital] per appointment period, have served on the associate staff for a specified period of time, and be currently appointed to the active staff of another hospital. These physicians may be allowed to consult or admit in accordance with state and local regulations.  **Privileges only/No membership:** Physicians applying for clinical privileges only may exercise those privileges granted but do not have the rights or the responsibilities of medical staff membership.  Your organization’s medical staff policies may require any or all of these categories to pay medical staff membership dues. | |