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| **Figure 4.13** | **Telemedicine Privileges Policy** |
| **Important definitions**  Originating site: The site where the patient is located  Distant site: The location where the image/test is interpreted and where the telemedicine practitioner holds privileges  **Policy**  Practitioners must be granted privileges at [Hospital] in order to provide telemedicine services. To be eligible to request telemedicine privileges, the following requirements must be met:  » The scope of telemedicine services provided at the originating site hospital and the distant site hospital include the privileges requested by the practitioner. Both the originating site MEC and the distant site MEC must approve the scope of services.  » The practitioner must concurrently maintain privileges, at a minimum, for the same scope of services at the distant site hospital that he or she is requesting at the originating site hospital.  Requests for telemedicine privileges at the originating site hospital are processed through established proce- dure for reviewing and granting privileges at the originating site hospital. Information in the application for tele- medicine privileges at the originating site hospital may be collected in the usual manner including collection of performance data from the distant site hospital.  [Hospital] may use credentialing and privileging information from the distant site in credentialing and privileging decisions if the following conditions are fulfilled:  » The distant site is a hospital or ambulatory care organization accredited by The Joint Commission.  » The practitioner is privileged at the distant site hospital for the services to be provided at the originating site hospital.  » The originating site hospital has evidence of an internal review of the practitioner’s performance of these privileges and sends hospital information to the distant site.  » The telemedicine practitioner has a license that is issued or recognized by the state in which the patient is receiving the telemedicine services. | |