

## ***AMA Code of Medical Ethics***

### ***9.5.1 Organized Medical Staff***

The organized medical staff performs essential hospital functions even though it may often consist primarily of independent practicing physicians who are not hospital employees. The core responsibilities of the organized medical staff are the promotion of patient safety and the quality of care.

Members of the organized medical staff may choose to act as a group for the purpose of communicating and dealing with the governing board and others with respect to matters that concerns the interest of the organized medical staff and its members. This is ethical so long as there is no adverse effect on patient safety and the quality of care.

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