

## *Patient Care Council*

The **Patient Care Council** is composed of the Chairs of the unit specific Standards of Practice Committees and the three Sr. Vice Presidents of Patient Care Services. The Sr. Vice Presidents will serve in an advisory capacity.

The Patient Care Council will meet at least 9 of 12 months in a calendar year and will address patient bedside nursing practice referred from the unit specific Standards of Practice Committees. The Patient Care Council may also refer patient care issues to other committees such as the Infection Control Committee, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, Nurse Directors Council, etc. The Patient Care Council may also ask for guidance from these committees in resolving issues. Changes in patient care policy and procedure should be based on evidence-based practice.

The Standards of Practice Committee Chairs will be responsible for relating actions of the Patient Care Council back to their unit specific Standard of Practice Committee.