

BOARD MANUAL

SUBJECT: Principles of Governance	NO.: 2-A-02
SECTION: Structure, Roles and Responsibilities	
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Principles of Governance

1. The Board of Directors is responsible for the governance of Cambridge Memorial Hospital (the “Corporation”).
2. The Board shall ensure that the Corporation provides the best possible health care within the resources that are made available to it.
3. The Board shall work with the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health to seek resources to meet the needs of the community served and shall ensure that the Corporation operates within its resources and monitors their efficient and effective use.
4. The Board and its individual members shall be cognisant of the needs of the communities served. The Board should reflect the diversity of the communities served including demographic, linguistic, cultural, economic, geographic, gender, ethnic and social characteristics of the communities served by the Hospital.
5. The Board will be composed of informed and knowledgeable Directors who will foster a culture of honesty and integrity and promote open informed dispassionate debate. The Board strives for a consensual approach to decision-making while respecting and valuing dissenting views.
6. The Board shall provide strategic leadership to the Corporation in realizing its mandate, vision, and core values, focusing its energy on matters of policy rather than day-to-day operations, and maintaining at all times a clear distinction between Board and staff roles.
7. The Board shall carry on its duties in accordance with the Corporation’s letters patent, supplementary letters patent, By-laws, policies, and all applicable legislation.

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