

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDS

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POLICY:

The Safety Officer will ensure that an ongoing hospital-wide hazard surveillance program is maintained to collect and evaluate information about hazards and safety practices. All patient care areas of the hospital will be surveyed at least semiannually. Non-patient care and exterior areas will be surveyed annually. Surveillance summaries and corrective actions will be shared with the Environment of Care Committee. Rehab areas will be surveyed on off shifts to meet Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) regulations.

PROCEDURE:

A. Surveillance

Hazard surveillance may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Environmental Rounds
- b. Facilities Management Rounds
- c. Nursing Safety Audits
- d. Unsafe Condition Reports
- e. Product Recalls

B. Follow-up and Corrective Action

Follow-up and corrective action are the responsibility of the manager in the surveyed area.

C. Assessment

The Safety Officer and the Environment of Care (EOC) Committee will periodically review the results of these activities to identify trends and areas of possible improvement.

REFERENCES:

Environment of Care, Safety Standards, CARF, The Joint Commission

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