

# LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a mechanism by which the facility can conduct sensitive investigations around allegations of sexual assault in parallel with law enforcement and county equity investigators. Los Angeles General is home to the Violence Intervention Program (VIP), which is a renowned program with expertise in sexual assault, which handles forensic examinations and victim interviews for law enforcement across the county. This policy establishes a mechanism by which Los Angeles General can partner with VIP in conducting investigations of sexual assault allegations.

## POLICY

Los Angeles General complies with DHS Policy 321 "Patient Safety: Sexual Abuse and/or Inappropriate Behavior Toward A Patient" and with the Los Angeles County Policy of Equity.

In addition, whenever an alleged sexual assault is reported to Los Angeles General Medical Center management, the on-call member of the VIP team will be notified. This policy applies to any allegations of sexual assault affecting/involving staff, patients, or families that occur on the Los Angeles General campus. VIP will conduct an investigation in parallel with law enforcement and will report its results confidentially to hospital leadership and to law enforcement.

## PROCEDURE

- Whenever an incident involving an alleged sexual assault occurs on our campus, in addition to complying with DHS Policy 321 and CPOE, VIP should be notified by calling (323) 409- 3800
- VIP will conduct an interview (in the appropriate language), and as needed a forensic examination, performed by a trained forensic expert.
- VIP may offer medical and psychological support, as they determine appropriate.
- Any resulting forensic reports will be filed with law enforcement
- On completion of its investigation, VIP will provide a confidential report to hospital leadership.

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- Hospital leadership will then administratively review and determine the necessary steps in safeguarding its patients, visitors, and staff while maintaining its operational effectiveness

**REVISION DATES**

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