

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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Departments Consulted: Facilities Management Department of Epidemiology Department of Radiology Environmental Health & Safety Nursing Services Pharmacy Diagnostic Services	Reviewed & Approved by: Attending Staff Association Executive Committee Senior Executive Council	Approved by: (Signature on File) Chief Medical Officer (Signature on File) Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

To ensure LAC+USC Medical Center compliance with regulatory requirements for handling, tracking, storing, and disposing of biohazardous, hazardous chemical, excess pharmaceutical, chemotherapy, solid, and radioactive waste.

POLICY

All LAC+USC Medical Center biohazardous, hazardous chemical, excess pharmaceutical, chemotherapy, solid, and radioactive waste generated shall receive the proper handling, storage, treatment, and disposal.

PROCEDURE

The Medical Center shall comply with Medical Waste Management Act in its handling and storage of medical waste, including sharps waste. The Environmental Health and Safety shall coordinate the revision of the Medical Waste Management Plan.

The Waste Management Program shall be an interdisciplinary responsibility. Facilities Management shall coordinate administration of permits, record keeping, contract service, and contract monitoring and inspection. Epidemiology, Environmental Health and Safety, EVS, and Hazardous Materials Coordinator shall ensure proper quality control of environmental hazards.

Medical waste shall be contained separately from other waste at the point of origin to ensure treatment of the medical waste.

Sharps waste shall be secured properly at all times to prevent unauthorized access until it is properly treated and shredded.

The Medical Center shall ensure the minimization of hazards by monitoring the handling, storage, and safe disposal of waste.

Waste shall be handled and processed for disposal by trained personnel and stored in designated areas.

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RESPONSIBILITY

Administration
Facilities Management
Laboratory and Pathology
Nursing Services
Environmental Services
Radiology
Epidemiology
Environmental Health & Safety
Pharmacy

PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

Facilities Management Policy and Procedure Manual
Department of Laboratory and Pathology Policy and Procedure Manual
Department of Radiology Policy and Procedure Manual
Department of Epidemiology Policy and Procedure Manual
Environmental Services Policy and Procedure Manual
Nursing Services
Department of Pharmacy Policy and Procedure Manual

REFERENCES

Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 4.5
California Health and Safety Code, Sections 70843 &
California Medical Waste Management Act
Joint Commission Standards - Environment of Care

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