

LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE

To ensure that patients and families have appropriate access to spiritual care and other spiritual services.

POLICY

Patients and families will have appropriate access to spiritual care and other spiritual services at all times.

Patients are assessed for spiritual needs on admission to the Hospital.

The Chaplains provide the following:

- Regular bedside visits or referrals based on the patient/family needs.
- 24 Hour/365 days of emergency response.
- Participation in patient care interdisciplinary meetings/rounds.
- Weekly worship services for patients, families, and staff.
- Team membership on palliative care and ethics committees.
- Education of advance directive and other life-issues in light of faith.

PROCEDURE

Chaplains are available in the Medical Center seven days per week from 09:00 – 17:00.

Information on services and locations is available through the Spiritual Care Office (Inpatient Tower 2M115), Monday through Fridays, 08:30 to 16:30. Telephone extension is (323) 409-4715.

A 24-hour emergency pager number is available from the operator and on each nursing unit to contact a Chaplain when spiritual/religious response is requested or needed.

REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 70709
Joint Commission Standards (Ethics, Rights, and Responsibilities)

REVISION DATE

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