

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the patient's privacy and security within the scope of operation and physical limitation of the facility.

POLICY

Each patient shall receive individualized care in an environment that maintains the necessary mechanisms to provide for his or her privacy and safety within the scope of operation and physical limitations of the facility.

PROCEDURE

- The patient shall be advised as to the presence of any or all individuals assisting with his or her patient care.
- Case discussion, consultation, physical examination, and treatment are confidential and shall be conducted discretely.
- Patient valuables and property, unless otherwise requested, is appropriately secured. (Hospital only). Family should be encouraged to take valuables and property home.
- Privacy of protected health information shall be maintained at all times.

RESPONSIBILITY

Attending Staff, Housestaff, Allied Health Professionals
Nursing Staff
All Employees

PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

Departmental Policy and Procedure Manuals

REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 70707 (7)
DHS Policy #322, Patients' Bill of Rights
Joint Commission Standards (Patient Rights and Organization Ethics)

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