

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE

To establish a standardized Medical Center transportation process to maximize continuity of care for patients who require transport among the component sites of the LAC+USC Medical Center.

POLICY

- The routine transport of patients from home to component sites and upon discharge from LAC+USC Medical Center facilities is the responsibility of the patient and the family.
- LAC+USC Medical Center patients are transported between and within component sites based on the patient's assessed needs and the ability of the receiving component site to provide the needed care or treatment.
- Assistance with patient transportation may be arranged with community agencies or with the Department of Health Services' Patient Transportation Service based on identified hardship needs, restrictions of the patient's medical condition, and available transportation resources.
- Patient transportation needs are evaluated during the discharge planning.
- The appropriate level of care required by the patient's clinical condition shall be maintained during the transportation process.
- The mode of patient transportation may include:
 - Emergency via 911
 - Procedure for Person in Distress
 - Urgent via Patient Transportation Service
 - Routine via family, County-operated van, or taxi as appropriate to patient's condition

PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

Nursing Services Policy "Transfer- Internal/ External"
 Nursing Services Policy "Transport"
 Nursing Services Policy "Transport of Critically Ill Patients from Adult ICU"
 DHS Patient Transportation Services Manual

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