



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / WASTE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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PURPOSE:

To establish a program to coordinate with individual Department Heads/Program Chiefs to ensure that hazardous waste disposal procedures comply with Federal, State, and Local regulatory agencies. The program is intended to provide a safe method of collecting, storing, and disposing of generated hazardous waste without jeopardizing the health and safety of employees, patients, visitors, community, and adversely harming the environment.

POLICY:

The program shall be administered by the Safety Officer within the Environment of Care Committee (EOC), as appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. The Safety Officer and the EOC Committee shall have the responsibility and authority to oversee and monitor the program.

SCOPE:

- A. The scope of the hazardous materials and waste management program is determined by the materials in use and generated by the hospital. The hazardous waste program includes chemical waste, chemotherapeutic waste (where present), radioactive waste (where present), and biohazardous waste, sharps and other physical hazards.
- B. Monitoring, through the Safety Office, will include anesthesia waste gases (WAGS), Formaldehyde, Xylene and CIDEX-OPA.
- C. Hazards associated with materials and wastes are defined by law or regulation and are identified in Safety Data Sheets (SDS) or similar documents provided by suppliers and manufacturers.
- D. Protection from hazards requires all staff that use or are exposed to hazardous materials and waste to be educated as to the nature of the hazards and to use equipment provided for safe use and handling when working with or around hazardous materials and waste.
- E. Rapid effective response is required in the event of a spill, release, or exposure to hazardous materials or waste.
- F. Segregation of hazardous waste at the point of generation is an effective means of controlling the potential for exposures or spills during collection, transport storage and disposal.
- G. Special monitoring processes or systems may be required to manage certain hazardous gases, vapors, or radiation undetectable by humans.

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PROCEDURES:

- A. The Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Policy and Procedures shall be a part of the Medical Center's Safety Manual and shall be available in all Departments and Services at this facility.
- B. Spill kits are strategically located throughout the hospital near areas where chemicals are stored.

REFERENCE:

Medical Waste Management Act
California Health and Safety Code, January 2016
Joint Commission (EC.02.02.01)

CROSS REFERENCE:

Cross Reference to Infection Control policy, IC 202E, 05/2016.