

**LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY****Emergency Department (ED)****PURPOSE:**

To ensure the development of a complete and accurate list of patient medications, which is reviewed and reconciled when patients move from one clinical area to another or when a change in the level of care occurs.

**POLICY:**

The Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goal, medication reconciliation, must occur when a patient presents to the emergency department and will be updated during the episode of care. When discharged from the outpatient setting (ED), patients will be given an accurate list of medications reflecting any changes, including discontinued medications as well as continued medications.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Staff in the ED will collect information regarding medication that the patient is taking. This process will begin with the triage assessment. This process will be a shared responsibility between nursing and the providers caring for the patient. Information collected will include, but is not limited to, the name of the medications.
2. The provider managing the patient's care will be responsible for reviewing the list of medications that the patient provided.
3. Upon discharge from the ED, the provider will complete the medication reconciliation section in ORCHID. The provider will ensure that all changes (e.g., additions and/or deletions) are noted. This information will be provided to the patient at the time they receive their aftercare instructions.
4. Medication given on a "one-time" basis associated with an emergency department visit which is not to be continued by the patient after discharge from the visit shall not be documented in the ORCHID Medication Reconciliation section.