

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

Subject: URGENT/EMERGENT CARE OF ICU PATIENTS OUTSIDE OF THEIR SERVICE'S ICU (BOARDERS)	Original Issue Date: 3/10/15	Policy # 723
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PURPOSE

To ensure all patients in the critical care units of LAC+USC Medical Center receive safe, effective and expeditious care when an urgent or emergent critical care problem that requires immediate attention occurs.

POLICY

If an urgent or emergent event occurs that involves a patient who is in an ICU outside their primary service's ICU, the team that is geographically based in the patient's current ICU will intervene and take appropriate and necessary actions.

PROCEDURE

In cases where a patient has an urgent or emergent event in an ICU where there is no immediately available senior-level resident, attending or fellow from the primary service, the team currently assigned to the area will provide necessary care until the primary team caregiver arrives and assumes responsibility for the care of the patient.

When there is no immediately available senior-level support, urgent consultation will be obtained from the MICU, PICU or SICU team (determined by the nature of the event) until a senior-level resident, an attending, or a fellow from the primary service assumes responsibility for the care of the patient.

If an irresolvable conflict arises, the Critical Care Officer of the Day should be contacted to intervene as necessary.

REVISION DATES

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