



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

OPERATING ROOM

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: DELINEATION OF SURGICAL PRIVILEGES

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Policy Statement: Only licensed physicians who are credentialed with surgical privileges at RLANRC or Physician Assistants under the direct supervision of a credentialed surgeon will be permitted to scrub on surgical procedures. All staff surgeons at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center will have current delineation of surgical privileges on file in the offices of the Medical Director and the Rancho Intranet prior to scrubbing for surgery.

Purpose of Procedure: To ensure all surgeons have current surgical privileges.

Physician's Order Required: No

Performed By: Medical Director, Nurse Manager/designee

Policy Guidelines:

1. No staff physician or surgeon will be permitted to scrub until their credentials have been reviewed and approved by the Medical Director.
KEY POINT: The only exceptions to this policy are Fellowship, Resident physicians and Physician Assistants who are participants in RLANRC programs, who work directly under the supervision of Rancho attending physicians.
2. Medical students who are enrolled in a **"Surgical Program"** as part of their rotation through RLANRC can scrub under the direct supervision of the Rancho attending physicians after notification and approval by the Department of Surgery. All other medical students can "observe only" with the approval of the attending surgeon. The O.R. department will be informed of the student rotation in the same manner as the residents. The attending surgeon of the program or fellow/resident should be responsible in teaching and orienting the medical student in scrubbing and aseptic technique in the O.R. and to follow the rules of infection control. The O.R. staff will monitor the infection control rules in the O.R. and any deviation in the rules by the medical student will be reported to the program Chief or the Chairman, Department of Surgery. Any medical student not following the rules will NOT be allowed in the Operating Room.
3. Questions related to current credentialing of surgical privileges are to be directed to the Nurse Manager / designee or the Medical Director.

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References:

PSA Rules and Regulations (Professional Staff Association).

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**SUBJECT: DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO A DEATH IN THE
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