

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SERVICES POLICY

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PURPOSE

To define the delivery of patient care methodology utilized at the LAC+USC Medical Center to provide quality, safe and effective patient care.

POLICY

The Registered Nurse is accountable for the application of the nursing process to achieve predetermined patient outcomes. The planning and delivery of patient care shall reflect all elements of the nursing process: assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, intervention, evaluation, and as circumstances require, patient advocacy, each shall be initiated by a registered nurse at the time of admission. Each unit/area management team shall best determine which care delivery method they will utilize depending on the patient population and available resources. The methods of delivery of patient care may include:

- Case management
- Total patient care
- Primary nursing
- Team nursing
- Functional nursing

Patient care is outcome oriented, focused on the total patient and family/significant other, and is based on the nursing process. Each individual nursing unit/area specifically defines the variables governing the delivery of patient care (refer to specific Unit Structure Standards).

REFERENCE

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 70215, 70217

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