



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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**Aquatic Therapy Program**

**Fecal/Emesis Accident Response in the Pool**

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## **PURPOSE:**

Fecal/emesis accidents pose a health and safety risk to patrons. Pool closure is necessary for proper disinfection and protection of the health and safety of patients and other users of the pool.

## **PROCEDURES:**

### **1. Fecal/emesis in the pool**

1. Pool staff that are present in the pool area will direct everyone to leave the pool.
2. Pool staff will close down the pool.
3. No one will be allowed to enter the contaminated pool until all decontamination procedures are completed.
4. Signage that indicates that pool cannot be used will be placed on all entrance doors of the pool.
5. Pool staff will call Facilities Management immediately who will manage the cleanup of the pool.
6. Facilities Management is responsible for contacting the contracted pool maintenance company, (e.g. Pacifica Pools) that is responsible for weekly pool maintenance to ensure the pool is safe for return to use.
7. Pool will be closed until Facilities Management notifies the Aquatic Therapy Supervisor that pool can be open for operation.

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