

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SERVICES POLICY

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PURPOSE

To describe the components of the LAC+USC Medical Center.

POLICY

The LAC+USC Medical Center is a non-profit organization. It is operated by the Department of Health Services of the County of Los Angeles.

Description

The Medical Center is licensed by the State of California and accredited by the Joint Commission. It is the largest unit of the organization and a major teaching hospital.

Active affiliation is maintained between the Medical Center and the University of Southern California Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. A majority of full-time attending staff physicians of the LAC+USC Medical Center are also members of the Medical School faculty. The LAC+USC Medical Center supports education and training in professional and allied health care programs through the Department of Education and Training. This includes programs for Registered Nurses, Physician's Assistants, Vocational Nurses, X-Ray Technologists, Laboratory Technicians, Dietitians, Social Workers, etc. These programs are conducted through a combination of onsite training programs and affiliation agreements. The LAC+USC Medical Center component sites participate in many community outreach and research programs.

Size/Location

LAC +USC is a tertiary care medical center, licensed for 600 general acute and 62 Behavioral / Mental Health beds, located in the Medical Center and on one other site –Augustus Hawkins in Los Angeles.

LAC+USC operates special units that serve patients throughout Southern California, including a burn center, A level III Neonatal Intensive Care Units and a Level One Trauma center for the most severe injuries. LAC+USC is home to the Rand Schrader HIV/AIDS Clinic and the Violence Intervention Program (VIP).

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LAC+USC offers primary and specialty services in both outpatient and inpatient setting. Listed below are major clinical departments and divisions:

- Anesthesiology
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Medicine
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Behavioral/Mental Health
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Surgery
- Urology

Scope

Nursing staff deliver primary, secondary, and tertiary care. Care is individualized, comprehensive and culturally sensitive to patients of all ages.

Clinical services include, but are not limited to:

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| Ambulatory Care | Neonatal |
| Emergency Medicine/Urgent Care | Obstetric/Gynecologic |
| Intensive/Critical Care | Behavioral/Mental Health |
| Medical (general and specialty) | |
| Surgical (general and specialty) | |

Education services are provided through the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health. The College is composed of a School of Nursing (SON), a hospital based Associate Degree Nursing program, and Nursing Education and Consulting Services (EDCOS), a broad-based continuing education and consultation service.

The College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and the SON is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. All programs comply with university academic standards, American Nurses Association (ANA), and Department of Health Services (DHS) certification requirements, or California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) regulations for contact hours.

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Location of Nursing Offices

- The office of the Chief Nursing Officer is located in the hospital administrative office, Building H, IPT Room C2K100.
- The Administrative Nursing Office (ANO) is located in the IPT, 4th floor Room C4G100.

REVISION DATES

92, 95, 97 98, 04/00, 03/02, 01/05, 02/09, 01/14, 12/18, 12/21