



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER**

SUBJECT: RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

POLICY NO. 419

CATEGORY: Safety	EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/95
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PURPOSE:

This policy establishes a system for performance of an Environment of Care Risk Assessment Program.

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At Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, the hospital Risk Assessment Program is designed to evaluate the impact on patient care as it relates to the safety of buildings, grounds, internal physical systems and safe practices of hospital employees.

The Risk Assessment Program for the Environment of Care (EOC) Committee is designed to monitor the level of safety compliance at the hospital, and to identify any situations that detract from our goal of providing a safe and secure environment for our patients, staff and visitors. Inherent in the monitoring is the obligation to take corrective action when a problem is detected and to provide follow-up to corrective actions taken.

With scarce resources, priorities will be set considering the types of problems based on its severity (i.e., immediate risk to life, health and safety), and probability (i.e. historical frequency, and the likelihood of occurrence).

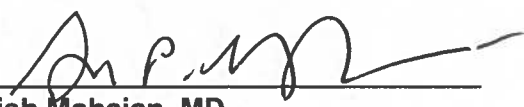
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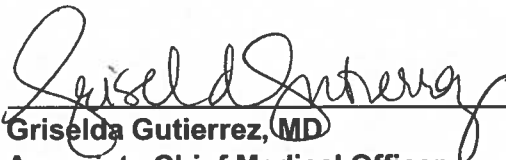
This is carried out using reports from environmental rounds, nursing safety audits, product recalls, unsafe conditions, industrial accidents, non-employee injury reports, fire drills equipment and utility incident reports, and reports from regulatory/health/fire agencies.

The EOC Committee will review the hospital's performance on the indicators selected and make recommendations, as appropriate, for improvements. The hospital's Risk Management (RM) will share information with the EOC Committee to review safety-related issues (i.e., patient incidents and/or trends identified by RM or others involving unsafe practices, equipment, facilities, etc.) and recommend corrective actions.

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