



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Communication Disorders Department -Audiology

Policy and Procedure

SUBJECT: REFERRALS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To ensure proper referrals for additional services.

POLICY

The Communication Disorders Department will provide referrals for additional services and continuity of care.

PROCEDURES

For Inpatient

1. The audiologist may refer patients for ENT services within the Rehabilitation Center as needed. Referrals to other ancillary medical services may be recommended by the audiologist, but require a physician signature (e.g., recommended Psychiatry, etc.).
2. Patients who fail a speech-language screening by an audiologist are referred to a speech-language pathologist for a complete evaluation.
3. All referrals for inpatient services within Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center require an electronic consultation request.

For Outpatient

1. Referrals may include additional outpatient or inpatient treatment, educational placement, and supportive, pre-vocational or vocational counseling, hearing and vendors, and governmental agencies (e.g., CCS, Department of Rehabilitation, etc.).
2. Patients requiring sedated ABR testing will be referred to other centers where those services are rendered. The patient, family member or caregiver will be given a list of providers, from which they can select.
3. Persons or institutions receiving referrals for services outside Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center may be sent copies of the patient's audiologic reports. Prior to release of information, the audiologist must obtain consent from the patient to release verbal or written information. The Consent for Release Information Form (T-HS1015) must be completed and a signature obtained from the patient or other authorized patient representative. This referral information should include most recent audiologic test results.

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