



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

## Communication Disorders Department Policy and Procedure

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**SUBJECT: INFECTION CONTROL**

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### **Purpose:**

To provide a clean, safe, infection free environment in accordance with the medical center's infection control policy.

### **POLICY:**

The Communication Disorders Department complies with the Rehabilitation Center and the Department of Health Services policies and procedures related to infection control. The Departmental policies comply with regulatory agencies including OSHA and COSHA and accrediting agencies including ASHA, CCS, CARF and the Joint Commission.

### **PROCEDURES:**

1. The Communication Disorders Staff will observe the use of standard precautions with all patients.
2. The Communication Disorders staff will observe the Rehabilitation Center's isolation guidelines and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) according to DHS/Rancho Policy IC103A, IC 101, etc.
3. Work surfaces and washable therapy materials will be cleaned after each patient use with hospital approved disinfectant per manufacturer's requirements. When appropriate, single use therapy materials will be utilized.
4. All Communication Disorders staff with direct patient contact will be inserviced on at least an annual basis by the Infection Control Practitioner from the Infection Disease Department. Documentation of attendance at the annual in-service will be the responsibility of the staff person and the record will be retained in the Communication Disorders Department personnel file. In-services will occur more frequently when necessitated by a change in the Rehabilitation Center and/or Department of Health Services Policies and Procedures.
5. The Communication Disorders Department will maintain adequate infection control devices and supplies in patient care areas. Infectious waste materials and containers will be disposed of in a timely manner in accordance with the Center's policies.

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