



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Communication Disorders Department Policy and Procedure

SUBJECT: INFORMED CONSENT

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PURPOSE

To state the necessity to obtain informed consent before treating patients.

POLICY

The Communication Disorders Department complies with the Medical Center's Professional Staff Rules and Regulations on informed consent. Consent to treat is obtained at admission or prior to referral for services.

PROCEDURES

1. The Medical Center cannot permit any treatment without the risk of liability unless the patient or a person legally authorized to act on behalf of the patient has been consented thereto.
2. In the case of a medical emergency (i.e., where treatment appears to be immediately required and necessary to prevent deterioration or aggravation of the patient's condition), treatment may proceed without patient consent. The law implies consent in these circumstances on the theory that if the patient were able or if legal guardian were present, such consent would be given. The determination of whether the treatment appears to be immediately required and necessary to prevent deterioration or aggravation of the patient's condition must be performed by a physician. The original consent to treat is located in the medical record.
3. The patient shall be properly informed, in his or her primary language, regarding recommended procedures, potential risks and the giving of consent and its implications. Refer to Policy 504.6 Documenting use of interpretation services during informed consent.
4. The assessment results and treatment plan, including indications, interventions and possible risks will be discussed with patients who receive communication disorders evaluations. The person who provides informed consent will be documented in the written evaluation report.

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