



RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Occupational Therapy and Recreation Therapy Department

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES**

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PURPOSE:

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center excels in providing comprehensive rehabilitation care to severely disabled individuals of all ages. Therapy treatment areas, clinics, diagnostic laboratories and surgeries in this medical center are planned for the specialized care of patients with severe physical disabilities resulting from congenital causes, diseases or injury.

PHILOSOPHY:

We believe that the uniqueness of occupational therapy lies in the individualized analysis and adaptation of patients' daily activities which ranges from self-care to work and play, in the context in which they occur. In helping patients achieve functional goals which are vital to them, we believe that they have, not only the right, but the need to participate in making informed choices and in planning their program. Although we may use preventative, corrective and compensatory measures in treatment, our firm belief is that the true value of our service rests in the use of functional activities which have meaning to the individual because of their relevancy to his occupational roles, environment, and goals.

We are committed to excellence in patient care. To this end, we support staff education and an environment which values and promotes clinical inquiry, innovation, outcome measurement and research. We further believe that staff input and participation in key departmental issues is essential for sound management decision making and planning.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide occupational therapy services, tailored to the individual's occupational needs, in a cost-effective manner which will minimize the effects of severe disability and maximize the individual's function.
- To establish mutual functional goals with patients and their families and to work collaboratively in achieving those goals.
- To participate with the rehabilitation team to provide coordinated and integrated services to assist patients reach their goals.
- To establish necessary linkages with other agencies and resources that will aid the patients' life in the home, community, and at work.

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- To ensure quality of patient care through ongoing monitoring, identification of problems, outcome measurement, research, and education.
- To disseminate information about rehabilitation of the severely disabled through publications and professional education.