

HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDS

POLICY NO. 424

PURPOSE:

To establish a process to regularly assess, minimize and/or eliminate environmental risks in the physical environment.

POLICY:

As part of hazard surveillance and risk assessment, environmental rounds will be conducted regularly to assess the physical conditions of the environment. Regularly scheduled environmental rounds will be conducted so as to cover all county facilities and grounds. The facility prohibits the removal of any safety-related elements such as handrails, markings, etc. Any changes identified during risk assessments will be documented and will be within the requirements of applicable regulatory codes (e.g., such as the Uniform Building Code).

PROCEDURE:

1. Patient care areas will be assessed semi-annually.
2. Non-patient care areas will be assessed annually.
3. The grounds will be assessed semi-annually.
4. Follow-up of corrective actions are the responsibility of area managers, with cooperation from the respective service and support units, such as Facilities Management, Environmental Services, and Infection Control.
5. The environmental Safety Officer with the Environment of Care Committee will prepare a summary of findings and corrective measure required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/95

SUPERSEDES:

REVISED: 01/02, 09/04, 03/05, 03/10, 01/14, 01/17

REVIEWED: 02/96, 02/99, 01/02, 06/06, 03/10, 01/14, 01/17

REVIEWED COMMITTEE: Environment of Care Committee

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