

HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR CHILDREN ON  
HOSPITAL WARDS/UNITS**

**POLICY NO. 432**

**PURPOSE:**

To establish when/how children are allowed to visit patients.

**POLICY:**

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center allows children to visit patients on the wards or units.

**PROCEDURE:**

- Children must be under the supervision of an adult (other than the patient) throughout the visit.
- Children are never to be attended solely by the patient.
- Discretion should be used in allowing children to visit patients in isolation.

**Note:** Restrictions may be established in the event of infectious disease outbreaks, epidemics, or pandemics as directed locally by the hospital's Infection Prevention and Control Director, centrally by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, or by Public Health officials.

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**SUPERSEDES:**

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