

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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		(Signature on File) Chief Executive Officer	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish acceptable parameters for entering of patient care orders by consulting physicians for patients in the Emergency Department, observation status, or inpatient setting.

POLICY

Generally, it is preferred that consulting physicians do not enter orders in these settings, as they may conflict or be redundant with orders entered by the primary team.

Some specific subspecialty orders may only be entered by appropriately privileged subspecialty providers, irrespective of consulting or primary team status, including orders for:

- 1) Cancer chemotherapy
- 2) Dialysis
- 3) Moderate or Deep Sedation or general anesthesia

When sedation orders are entered by consulting team, they should communicate with the primary team both before and after order entry so that the primary team is aware of the nature of the sedation administered and can plan accordingly for duration of the procedure and for post procedure care.

In other circumstances, communication between consultants and the primary team is required prior to entry of an order by a consulting service. The consulting service must agree that it wishes to enter orders, and the primary team must agree that it is okay for the consulting service to enter orders. The nature of the order(s) to be entered by the consulting service should be discussed with the primary team before the order(s) is entered.

Violations of this policy should be reported to the Chief Medical Officer or designee, and to the Attending Staff Association President.

RESPONSIBILITY

Attending Staff Association
Service Chiefs
CMO and Associate Medical Directors

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