



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: PLASMAPHERESIS

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PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the ordering of contracted plasmapheresis.

POLICY:

- I. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC) uses registry services contracted by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (LAC-DHS) to provide Plasmapheresis treatment. If the agency is unable to provide the needed service at RLANRC, the healthcare team will explore an alternative approach which may include transferring the patient to an appropriate clinical setting.
- II. Plasmapheresis/plasma exchange is ordered by credentialed physicians and communicated to nursing by the process delineated herein.
- III. Plasmapheresis may be performed on any RLANRC unit

PROCEDURE:

- I. Activation of Agency Staff
 - a. Plasmapheresis will be ordered directly in ORCHID by the provider using the MED Therapeutic Plasmapheresis order set and informed consent will be obtained
 - b. The provider will contact the contract vendor (Current – Fresenius (888) 507-1787), with the following information:
 - Name and contact number of the ordering provider
 - Dates for the procedure to be performed
 - Patient name and MRN number
 - Unit location
 - Type of apheresis (will only be plasmapheresis/plasma exchange)
 - Number of procedures
 - Vascular access site (IV large bore, double lumen pheresis/dialysis catheter, to be placed by ICU physician)
 - Patient informed consent
 - c. The plasmapheresis nurse will
 - Report to the Nursing Resource Office (NRO) located in the JPI building, Room T-1107
 - Sign in on the “Plasmapheresis RN Sign-In Sheet”
 - Clock in on non-county workforce member daily time record.

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- Upon completion of treatment, clocks out and signs out on the “Plasmapheresis RN Sign-In Sheet”.
- Submit the invoice for treatment

II. Roles and Responsibilities

a. Unit Charge/designee

- Orient the plasmapheresis nurse to the unit
- Provide the cross-training book for review and signature
- Evaluate the plasmapheresis nurse using the supplemental staff evaluation on the first day and as deemed necessary
- Provide assistance as needed

b. Primary RN

- Completes pre-treatment orders
- Provides handoff communication to plasmapheresis nurse
- Receives post-treatment handoff
- Ensures all treatment documentation is completed

c. Plasmapheresis RN

- Provides plasmapheresis services according to standards of practice and within their scope of practice
- Completes all required orientation, training, and competency assessment including:
 1. Orientation checklist
 2. Unit evaluation (first day)
 3. Ongoing mandatory competency/skills updates
 4. Submits all forms to NRO
- Verifies plasmapheresis orders and informed consent
- Receives/provides handoff communication from/to primary RN
- Completes all necessary documentation and places appropriate documents in the paper light chart before the shift ends.
- Submits invoices and evaluation forms to NRO personnel at sign-out
- Complies with applicable RLANRC policies and procedures

III. Complications

- a. Plasmapheresis nurse will notify the primary RN and MD immediately of any changes in the patient’s condition and will follow any ordered changes in treatment modality

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References:

Rancho Los Amigos Nursing Policy and Procedure A190 – Hemodialysis Contract Services

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