

# LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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		(Signature on File) Chief Executive Officer	

## PURPOSE

To maintain the LAC+USC Medical Center water supply systems.

## POLICY

The LAC+USC Medical Center water supply systems shall be maintained and monitored by Facilities Management staff to ensure the availability of water for human consumption, patient care, and fire protection.

## PROCEDURE

Water supply management shall include:

- Hot water temperature maintained for the facilities' dietary and patient care areas;
- Clearly labeled outlets and piping for non-potable water;
- Major shut-off valves labeled;
- Maintenance and periodic inspection documented;
- Emergency plan which outlines water supply distribution and obtaining alternative water supply; and
- Quality control for dialysis
  - Water used for dialysis shall meet regulatory standards such as the Association for Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI).
  - Bacterial testing of water shall be completed as required.
  - Epidemiology shall verify the water quality and equipment maintenance records kept by the Renal Dialysis Unit.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Facilities Management  
Epidemiology  
Renal Dialysis Unit

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**PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION**

Renal Medicine  
Facilities Management Policy and Procedure Manual  
Infection Control Manual

**REFERENCES**

Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 75203 & 70863  
Association for Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) -  
(Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities)  
Joint Commission Standards - Environment of Care  
CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion -  
(Infection Control Guidelines)  
Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)  
Emergency Operation Plan  
Water Management Plan

**REVISION DATES**

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