



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: PATIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
CHILD'S RIGHTS

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PURPOSE:

To clarify Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's (RLANRC) policy regarding the rights and responsibilities of patients. The Department of Pediatrics adheres to RLANRC Administrative Policy # 509 Patient Rights and Responsibilities.

POLICY:

All persons seeking medical treatment from Rancho Los National Rehabilitation Center shall be treated in accordance with all Federal, State and local laws.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

All persons seeking medical treatment from RLANRC also have the responsibility to cooperate with the hospital staff and participate to their best ability, in their diagnostic and treatment plans.

PROCEDURE:

Patient Rights and responsibilities and Notice of Privacy Practices will be posted in English and Spanish in the unit and specific treatment areas in the institution. Each inpatient is given a copy of the Patient Rights and Responsibilities and Notice of Privacy Practices, in either English or Spanish. Other translations are available as appropriate.

To ensure that patient's rights are respected, all personnel will perform responsibilities as defined within their job descriptions, their professional scopes of practice, and the code of ethics for the medical center and their profession.

The child and adolescent patient's rights are protected throughout hospitalization. The child/adolescent has the right to considerate and respectful care delivered within the context of the patient's developmental level. Children 18 and older or who are emancipated minors will have the same rights to make decisions pertaining to their treatment as stated in hospital policy and procedures. The parent or legal guardian shall assume these rights for children under the age of 18 and shall also be afforded the same rights as stated in hospital policy and procedure for patient rights and responsibilities (Attachment I). According to California State Law, a non-parent adult relative with whom a minor is living with, may authorize medical care for the minor by signing a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit (Attachment II).

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Informed consent is the right of the child/adolescent within the context of the child's developmental level. Advance directives prepared by children over the age of 18 or who are emancipated minors will be respected as stated in hospital policy and procedures.

Should the wishes as stated by the parent or legal guardian of a cognitively aware child under the age of 18 contradict the child's desires and cannot be resolved by the treatment team or the Bioethics Committee of RLANRC, the Department of Children's Services Los Angeles County will be contacted to ensure that the rights of the child are protected.

The child/adolescent has the right to care that is delivered in a painless fashion that is deemed medically safe.

In the event the patient files a complaint, this will not itself serve to compromise a patient's access future access to care.

REFERENCES: RLANRC Administrative Policy B509 (rev 07/2022)
Section 70707 California Code of Regulations
The Joint Commission, Title 22
DHS Policy 361.2
California Family Code Division 11 Section 6900-7143

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