

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

Subject: SECURITY: REPORTING INJURIES (Of a Questionable Nature or Criminal Origin)	Original Issue Date: 3/15/93	Policy # 644
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Departments Consulted: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Environmental Health & Safety Office of Risk Management	Reviewed & Approved by: Attending Staff Association Executive Committee Senior Executive Council	Approved by: (Signature on File) Chief Medical Officer
		(Signature on File) Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for Medical Center professionals and/or staff for the reporting of patient injuries sustained prior to arriving at the hospital by deadly weapon, criminal act, or condition resulting from neglect or abuse in accordance with federal and State laws.

POLICY

All LAC+USC Medical Center professionals and/or staff shall report any suspected incident of patients seeking treatment with injuries of a questionable nature or criminal origin. Disclosures must be limited to information that directly relates to the factual circumstances and must not include any information relating to the health or treatment of the patient. Reports of criminal acts must go through LASD as liaison to law enforcement which includes acts of abuse and neglect.

Reportable injuries or conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Assaults
- Rape
- Gunshot wounds
- Knife wounds
- Neglected elders or children
- Abuse of elders or children
- Domestic violence
- Murder

PROCEDURE

Upon notification of a suspected victim, LASD will collect initial information and notify the law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the criminal act occurred. LASD personnel will complete the applicable report writing requirements per the Manual of Policy and Procedures, if necessary

RESPONSIBILITY

Administration
 Attending Staff
 Residents
 Nursing Services
 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
 All Employees

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PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

LASD Policy and Procedures Manual and LAC+USC LASD Station Orders

Security Management Plan

REFERENCES

45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and 164
California Penal Code, Title1, Article2, Sections 11160, 11161, 11161.5, 11161.8
California Healthcare Association Consent Manual, Assault and Abuse Reporting Requirements
Medical Center Policy #802, Suspected Child, Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse, and Domestic
Violence Identification and Reporting

REVISION DATES

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