

LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SERVICES POLICY

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PURPOSE

To define and guide the quality nursing care provided by the nursing staff within the Los Angeles General Medical Center.

POLICY

Nursing Standards serve as the basis for implementing safe patient care. Nursing standards address the nursing care provided to patients and their significant others, and show consideration of the following:

- Types of patients served
- Scope of complexity of the patients' needs for nursing care
- Methods for assessing and evaluating patient's nursing care needs

Nursing standards includes:

- Department-wide policies
- Department of Health Services (DHS) policies
- Guidelines, job descriptions, and performance standards
- Unit Structure Standards (USS), includes service-specific policies
- Clinical Procedures
- Clinical Standards
- Standardized Procedures/Polices

Nursing standards, policies and procedures related to patient care are derived from evidence-based practice to enhance the quality of care and improve patient outcomes.

PROCEDURE

Development

- Nursing Standards are developed by a department/unit according to their needs. They are developed to assure compliance with professional standards
 - Comparative/continuum of care across the Los Angeles General Medical Center
 - Integration of regulatory agency requirements.

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- Collaboration with appropriate disciplines through established committees, (i.e. Interdisciplinary Practice Committee).

Approval and Evaluation

- Designated committees review and approve standards
- The approval and evaluation process is as follows:

Standard	Initial Approval	Secondary Approval	Final Approval	Updating Committee
Nursing Policies				
Nursing Policy	Professional Practice Committee	Professional Practice Committee Nurse Executive Council	Attending Staff Association Executive Committee- (Patient Care Related policies)	Professional Practice Committee
Clinical Standards	Clinical Standards and Procedures Committee	Professional Practice Committee Nurse Executive Council	Attending Staff Association Executive Committee	Clinical Standards Committee
Procedures	Clinical Standards and Procedures Committee	Professional Practice Committee Nurse Executive Council	Attending Staff Association Executive Committee	Procedure Committee
Standardized Procedures	Professional Practice Committee	Nurse Executive Council Interdisciplinary Practice Committee	Attending Staff Association Executive Committee	Key Stakeholders

- Procedures, policies, and standards must be approved by Stakeholders.
- Review and approval of standards consider the following factors as indicated:
 - Appropriateness of the policies and procedures to current patient care practice

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- Legal concerns and findings from quality improvement or other evaluation mechanisms
- Current evidence –based nursing practice
- Related existing standards and resulting need for revision or discontinuation
- Standards and policies are reviewed at least every three years and more often as needed

Standardized Procedures

Registered Nurses may perform medical functions beyond their usual scope of practice:

- If those functions are in accordance with written standardized procedures and are:
 - Developed by nursing, medicine, and administration
 - Approved by the Interdisciplinary Practice Committee
- After the individual has been evaluated and approved as having met the education and experience requirements specified in the procedure.

The Interdisciplinary Practice Committee shall provide the Chief Nursing Officer with:

- Areas utilizing standardized procedures shall maintain a current list of RNs approved to function in expanded roles
- Copies of approved standardized procedures

REFERENCE

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 70213

Kerr, H. & Rainey, D. (2021). Addressing the current challenges of adopting evidence-based practice in nursing. British Journal of Nursing, (30)16, 970-974.

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