

LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER

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		(Signature on File) Chief Executive Officer

POLICY:

To ensure emergency medications are consistently available, controlled and secured in the pharmacy and patient care areas.

PROCEDURE:

- Emergency drugs are available in Emergency Kits from the Pharmacy.
- Pharmacy will be responsible for the dating of all drugs contained within each kit. The date of the earliest expiration will be affixed to the exterior of the kit.
- Whenever a kit is used or expires, the entire kit will be returned to the Pharmacy by the unit.
- All emergency medication boxes are inspected and sealed by a designated pharmacist.
- Each Pharmacy area will maintain an adequate supply of emergency drugs.
- The Audit Control Pharmacist will be responsible for monitoring their usage and approved location.
- The contents and the use of all emergency medication boxes must be approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
- The contents of Crash Cart Medication Trays are determined by the CPR Committee and approved by the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee.
- The emergency medications shall be secured in the emergency crash carts to ensure drug security.
- Additional Medication Trays may be stored in the Critical Care areas, Med-Surg units, and procedural areas if the Nurse Manager of the area believes it is required to maintain an adequate supply.
- For more information about Crash Carts, see policy MC 920, MC 920-A and MC-920-B.
- Extravasation Kits: May be stored in all areas that administer injectable chemotherapy agents.
- It is the responsibility of assigned personnel in the patient care areas to maintain an adequate supply of emergency drugs. The Audit Control Pharmacist will, on scheduled inspections, verify that all units are in compliance.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Emergency Medications: Kits and Boxes, Locations and Contents

REVISION DATES

August 23, 2019; October 21, 2022