

LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE:

To enhance the safety of workforce members, patients, and visitors of Los Angeles General Medical Center by facilitating appropriate response to specific emergencies through a uniform code system.

POLICY:

Los Angeles General Medical Center will follow Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Policy Number 905.000 (Emergency Codes).

DEFINITIONS:

- **CODE ASSIST** for urgent medical assistance to outpatients, visitors, and staff
- **CODE BLUE** for adult medical emergency
- **CODE GOLD** for mental health/behavioral response
- **CODE GRAY** for a combative person
- **CODE GREEN** for patient elopement
- **CODE ORANGE** for a hazardous material spill/release
- **CODE PINK** for infant abduction
- **CODE PURPLE** for child abduction
- **CODE RAPID RESPONSE** for urgent medical attention to inpatients
- **CODE RED** for fire
- **CODE SILVER** for a person with a weapon and/or active shooter and/or hostage situation
- **CODE TRIAGE ALERT** for potential disaster
- **CODE TRIAGE EXTERNAL** for external disaster
- **CODE TRIAGE INTERNAL** for internal disaster
- **CODE WHITE** for pediatric medical emergency
- **CODE YELLOW** for bomb threat

RESPONSIBILITY:

All Employees

REFERENCES

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Policy Number 905.000 (Emergency Codes)

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Hospital Association of Southern California, Health Care Emergency Codes: A Guide for Standardization, Fourth Edition, May 2014. <http://www.hasc.org/hospital-emergency-codes>

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