

LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE

To describe the procedure for accessing patient restrooms in an emergency situation.

POLICY

The Nursing staff will have an access tool/device located in a designated area, on each unit to open patient restroom doors or use the finger method to open the bathroom doors that have swinging hinges.

PROCEDURE

In the event that a patient requires emergency assistance in the restroom and the door is locked.

Restroom Doors with One-Way Hinges

- Staff will remove the small silver cap above the door handle
- Staff will insert access tool into hole and turn tool to unlock the door

Restroom Door with Swinging Hinges

- Staff will locate wheel in door jam and rotate upward so that flat part of wheel is flush with door opening
- Staff will pull door toward them while releasing finger off of wheel

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