

LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE

To provide quality healthcare in a safe environment to patients undergoing invasive procedures outside of the Operating Rooms in the Medical Center Inpatient Tower (IPT).

DEFINITIONS: For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply.

Invasive procedure

A medical procedure that invades (enters) the body, by cutting or puncturing the skin or insertion of instruments **and** requires written informed consent.

Minor procedure

A medical procedure that invades (enters) the body by cutting or puncturing the skin or insertion of instruments **and** does **not** require written informed consent. Minor procedures are covered under the Conditions of Admission/Clinic Visit (aka General Consent).

Operating Room

A room licensed by the State Department of Public Health as an Operating Room. It is a restricted environment, designed and equipped for performing surgical operations or invasive procedures which require an aseptic surgical field. The room environment is controlled by special heating, ventilation and air conditioning parameters, and access is limited to authorized personnel wearing proper surgical attire.

Designated IPT Location

A room in the Inpatient Tower designated for the performance of invasive procedures which do not require a licensed Operating Room but may require the use of sterile instruments or supplies. Designated IPT locations may be referred to as an Evaluation Area, Treatment Room, or procedures may be performed at the bedside as noted in Attachment A: Approved List of Invasive Procedures performed Outside of the Operating room.

POLICY

Invasive procedures may be performed in either an operating room or an area outside of an operating room. They shall be performed only in approved locations which are suitable to the

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technical requirements of the procedure with consideration of infection control and anesthetic risks and goals and which are properly equipped and staffed.

The Attending Staff Association Medical Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve the settings in which invasive procedures may be performed, consistent with controlling law (Attachment A). The Hospital Epidemiologist or designee shall be the authority on room type classifications that may be used for specific procedures.

Prior to conducting a procedure in an approved location, providers will notify the nurse in charge of the designated area and indicate the intended invasive procedure. Nursing staff verifies the intended invasive procedure is on the approved list of invasive procedures for the designated location and verifies the provider has documented competency or privileges to perform the intended invasive procedure.

Each designated location will have qualified personnel, including medical and nursing staff to perform and/or assist with the procedures. Qualifications are approved by the respective Attending Staff Association Medical Executive Committee and the Nursing Executive Committee, or a subcommittee of those bodies.

Each designated location will have a cleaning plan approved by Infection Control.

Tracking will be maintained, such as a report of invasive procedures performed in the IPT. Such tracking reports will be reviewed regularly by the Quality Improvement Committee and the Medical Executive Committee of the Attending Staff Association.

REFERENCES

- Medical Center Attending Staff Association Rules and Regulations 16: Guidelines for Supervision of Residents
- Medical Center Policy 905: Moderate Sedation/Deep Sedation
- Medical Center Infection Control Plan

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: Approved List of Invasive Procedures Performed Outside of the Operating Room

REVISION DATES

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