



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

OPERATING ROOM

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: SURGICAL OFFICER OF THE DAY – OPERATING ROOM

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Purpose of Procedure: To provide a physician advisor to deal with problems that occurs in the Operating Room on a specific day.

Performed By: Nurse Manager or designee

Policy Statements:

1. The Surgical Officer of the Day is contacted if any of the following problems arise on a specific day.
 - Emergency procedures, requiring surgical intervention that "bump" scheduled cases.
 - Rearrangement of the schedule when procedures run overtime. If procedures are running late, a decision to cancel additional procedures should be referred to the Surgical Officer of the Day.
 - Major patient incidents / Sentinel Events.
 - Other problems as determined by the Nurse Manager or designee that may need to be addressed on a specific day.
2. Surgical Officer of the Day will be assigned by Chairman of the Department of Surgery.
3. If the Surgical Officer of the Day is not available, the Chairman of the Department of Surgery will be contacted.
4. When the Surgical Officer of the Day is consulted the Chairman of the Department of Surgery is notified by the Nurse Manager/designee of the circumstances upon his return.

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References:

Administrative Policy & Procedure Manual
Professional Staff Rules and Regulations

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