



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: POLICY FOR ADDRESSING PATIENT RIGHTS AND ETHICAL ISSUE

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PURPOSE:

To identify Rancho's philosophy related to patient rights and ethical issues.

POLICY:

The organization's policies and procedures, which guide patient care and interaction, demonstrate recognition and support of patient rights. Rancho's commitment to individualized quality patient care and interaction reflects its employees' concern and respect for the rights of the patient.

All hospital departments have access to policies and procedures, which support patient rights. Ethical issues are also addressed by policies and procedures along with access to the BioEthics Committee. These patient rights and ethical issues are related to:

- Reasonable access to care.
- Considerate care that respects the patient's personal value and belief systems.
- Informed participation in decisions regarding his/her care.
- Personal privacy and confidentiality of information.
- Designation of a representative decision maker in the event that the patient is incapable of understanding a proposed treatment or procedure or is unable to communicate his/her wishes regarding care.
- Protection of minors, legally dependent adults, and their responsible agents.

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