

**VALLEYCARE
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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VERSION: 2**

SUBJECT/TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE SPECIALTY CLINICS

POLICY: Specialty Clinic Referral Guidelines

PURPOSE: To ensure appropriate specialty referrals.

DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE (DEM)

DEFINITIONS: Patients discharged from the Emergency Department will, at times, require follow-up for either acute and/or chronic conditions. Follow-up will be based on the patient’s insurance plan and the severity or acuteness of the medical or surgical condition.

Patients who are determined to be Out of Country or Out of County or have an outside health plan will not have follow-up appointments in LA County DHS Health System. Patients who have emergency medical or surgical conditions can be admitted.

References:	
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