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

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SUBJECT/TITLE: EMERGENCY MEDICINE RAPID MEDICAL SCREEN EXAM

POLICY:

PURPOSE: To adjust patient flow through the Emergency Department by conducting rapid medical screening examinations on all Emergency Department patients. Medical screening examinations may be performed by nurse practitioners or Emergency Medicine providers. All ESI acuity Level I, II and III patients will be evaluated by an Emergency Medicine Attending physician. ESI acuity Level IV and V patients may be evaluated and discharged by an ED nurse practitioner.

- Goals:**
- Minimize wait times for initiation of the MSE to evaluate if an emergency medical condition exists.
 - Compliance with CMS EMTALA regulations.
 - Improve throughput and safe waiting of all Emergency Department patients.
 - Better utilization of treatment bed space.
 - Utilize wait time interval for resulting diagnostic findings.
 - Decrease ED LBS rate.
 - Reduce chronic ED overcrowding.

PROCEDURE: A Rapid Medical Screening Exam (RME) will be performed when deemed necessary by the department staff to improve the throughput and safe waiting of ED patients. This RME exam may be performed in the triage area or in the ED acute care area (ED beds). The provider who performs the RME exam will document this evaluation utilizing the MSE form or a Power Note in Orchid. The provider will also determine, if any, laboratory or imaging studies or treatment needs to be ordered at that time.

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