

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**SUBJECT:** PHOTOGRAPHING OF PATIENTS AND/OR FACILITIES**POLICY NO.** 304

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**PURPOSE::** To set forth the Department's position regarding photographing of patients and facilities.**POLICY::** Photographing of patients shall be considered in the same context as confidentiality of records. Every effort shall be made to protect patients from being photographed without their knowledge or against their will.

Photographing of patients will be allowed when consent forms have been completed by the patients involved. Other patients or facilities of the Department shall not be photographed without the express permission of the Hospital Administrator or the Deputy Director concerned. In certain instances it may be necessary to obtain the Director or Chief Deputy's permission.

Requests for photographing Department facilities for commercial purposes shall be directed by Department facility administrators to the County Department of Facilities. That department has the authority to give permission to photograph County facilities for commercial purposes. The Department of Facilities shall clear the use of this Department's facilities before permission is given to photograph facilities for commercial purposes.

**GUIDE::** Each Region and hospital will identify methods consistent with this policy, for the approval and monitoring of photographic requirements of medical staff with regard to patient care requirements and properly approved clinical investigations.**CROSS REFERENCE::** Confidentiality of Records, Policy No. 360

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Nov 24, 1975**SUPERCEDES:****APPROVED:** Signature on File