

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**



**SUBJECT:** PATIENT MEDICATIONS

**POLICY NO.** 329

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**PURPOSE::** To ensure that unused patient medications are not re-distributed.

**POLICY::** Clinical Staff are prohibited from soliciting unused medicine from patients.

In-Patient Areas

Any unused medications brought in by a patient must be secured by either giving the medications to the family or storing the medications in the facility's pharmacy. This does not apply to medications that are kept at the bedside according to existing facility policies.

Out-Patient Areas

Clinical staff shall not accept any unused medications brought by a patient.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Sep 24, 1997

**SUPERCEDES:**

**APPROVED:** Signature on File

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