

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

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PURPOSE

To ensure appropriate assessment and reassessment of LAC+USC Medical Center patients.

POLICY

Each patient's physical, psychological, spiritual and social status shall be assessed. The scope and intensity of any further assessment shall be based on the patient's diagnosis, the care setting, the patient's desire for care, and the patient's response to any previous care.

Reassessment shall occur at regular intervals during the course of care.

PROCEDURE

Initial Assessment

- Initial assessment of a patient includes:
 - Medical history and physical examination;
 - Nursing care assessment; and
 - Other screening assessments, as needed.
- The scope of assessment performed by each discipline is defined by that discipline's department and is consistent with licensure, certification, regulations, and applicable law.
- Time frame for initial assessment of patient admitted to the hospital is within 24 hours of admission. Shorter time frames are established specific to the care setting.
- A nursing assessment is performed wherever nursing care is provided in the LAC+USC Medical Center.

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- Nutritional and functional status are assessed when warranted by the patient's needs or condition.

Reassessment

Reassessment of the patient occurs:

- at regular intervals as defined by department standards;
- to determine patient's response to care;
- with significant change in patient's condition; and
- with change in patient's diagnosis

PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

Attending Staff Manual
Nursing Policy Manual
Nursing Service and Education Unit Structure Standards
Departmental Policy and Procedure Manuals

REFERENCE

Joint Commission Standards (Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services)

REVISION DATES

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