LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER DIAGNOSTIC & TREATMENT SPECIAL PROCEDURES B4D120 – BRONCHOSCOPY SPECIAL PROCEDURE AREA SCOPE OF SERVICES

Departmental Purpose

The Bronchoscopy Unit, Room B4D120 serves as an important component of the continuum of care in the LAC+USC Medical Center. The suite exists to provide diagnosis and treatment for diseases of the pulmonary system to both inpatients and outpatients.

Types and Ages of Patients Served

The Bronchoscopy Service cares for adult and geriatric inpatient and outpatients who are critically, acutely or chronically ill. Most common procedures/therapies include staging of their disease process and diagnosis/treatment of existing diseases. Major medical diagnoses include closed transthoracic lung biopsy, fiberoptic bronchoscopy with or without biopsy, chest tube placement and foreign body removal.

Methods Used to Assess Patient Needs

An interdisciplinary approach to patient care management is used to assist the patient in making an educated decision about his/her care. Nursing and pulmonary house staff, under the direction of a pulmonary attending, acts collaboratively to develop an appropriate plan of care with the patient. Additional collaboration exists with Social Services, Nutrition Services, Pastoral Care, Radiology Services, Pharmacy, Respiratory Services, Diagnostic Services and Epidemiology.

Scope of Service and Complexity of Care

The Bronchoscopy Service exists to provide a safe environment for Pulmonary procedures; to assess and monitor patients receiving moderate sedation; to educate patient/family to prevent complications and facilitate discharge planning; and to provide pre and post procedure home calls to out-patients for the purpose of patient education and prevention of complication.

Quality Control Indicators

- Procedure Sedation
- Daily disinfection service log
- Fall Prevention
- Pharmacy Rounds
- Patient Identification
- Environmental Rounds
- Pain Management
- Pre-Procedure Verification
- Specimen Labeling

Performance Improvement Indicator

Bronchoscopy Scope Tracking

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Recognized Standards

Care is provided consistent with applicable regulatory, accreditation, and professional standards inclusive of but are not limited to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, California Department of Public Health, OSHA, Joint Commission, Food and Drug Administration, California Board of Registered Nursing, California Board of Licensed Vocational Nursing, American Nurses Association, American Medical Association, American Pulmonary Association, National Institute of Health, and others.

Availability of Necessary Staff

The suite operates 5 days a week, Monday through Friday 0800-1630. The Nurse Manager is responsible for providing sufficient qualities of nursing staff to meet the performances standards in the Bronchoscopy unit. S/he is responsible for the quality of nursing care provided and the performance of assigned staff. Staffs in the unit have specific competency assessment for their professional level and/or job description.

A Supervising Staff Nurse (SSN) is assigned to the unit and is responsible for shift supervision of nursing staff and oversight of nursing care as well as direct patient care duties as needed. Staff on the unit has specific competency assessments for their professional level and/or job description. Registered Nurses and Nursing Attendants provide patient care.