

# LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER

## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SERVICES POLICY

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF NURSING PLAN</b>		Supersedes: 11/17	Effective Date: 10/20
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### PURPOSE

To develop and implement and evaluate a Nursing Plan that provides guidelines for patient care delivery in a manner that promotes patient safety and ensures high quality nursing care.

### POLICY

The Patient Care Delivery System is an established system for the provision of nursing care which targets basic health care. The Patient Care Delivery System provides guidelines for nursing practice in assisting patients to cope with difficulties in daily living associated with their actual/potential health or illness and the treatment thereof, which requires a substantial amount of scientific knowledge and skills.

### The Nursing Plan

The Nursing Plan is:

- Guided by established nursing policies
- Applicable throughout the organization wherever nursing care is provided
- Evaluated annually for quality and effectiveness
- Approved by the Nurse Executive Council and Attending Staff Association Executive Committee.

The Nursing Plan contains:

- Nursing philosophy
- Overall objectives of the department
- Hours of operation
- Description of nursing areas including criteria for admission and discharge
- Parameters of a Patient Care Delivery System
- Professional practice issues such as budget, standards development, care planning patient/family education, documentation, and communication
- Governing rules outlining safety, risk management, legal/ethical issues in nursing
- Selection, development, and evaluation of nursing personnel
- Quality Improvement (QI) activities for ongoing improvement of care/practice

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**RESPONSIBILITY**

Nursing care is planned, implemented and evaluated by Registered Nurses who delegate aspects of care to licensed and unlicensed personnel.

**PROCEDURE**

The Nursing Plan is updated every 36 months in consideration of:

- Changing needs of the staff and patients
- Review of QI findings
- External legal/regulatory requirements.

**REFERENCE**

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 70213 and 70215  
California Nursing Practice Act

**REVISION DATES**

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