# HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER

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#### Purpose:

To provide a comprehensive nondiscriminatory admission practice for all patients at the medical center.

#### Scope:

All Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center (HPMC) workforce members (employees and non-employees), including employed medical staff and management.

#### Policy:

- A. The Hospital Administration welcomes all patients. No patient is to be denied admission due to race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital or veteran status, physical or mental handicap or financial classification. All patients will be accepted for care, cared for and housed without discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression sexual orientation, marital or veteran status, physical or mental handicap or financial classification.
- B. Patients shall be admitted only upon referral and/or under the care of a physician who shall be a member of the Medical Staff or has temporary privileges according to the Medical Staff By-Laws. The patient's condition and provisional diagnosis shall be established on admission by the patient's physician.
- C. No mentally competent adult shall be detained in the Hospital against his/her will. An emancipated minor shall not be detained in the Hospital against his/her will.
- D. Any person, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation marital or veteran status, physical or mental handicap or financial classification may be admitted to the Hospital upon recommendation of the Medical Staff, except those persons having certain diseases or diagnosis outlined below for which the Hospital is not equipped or staffed to provide care:
  - 1. Psychiatric Patients
    - Patients diagnosed as psychotic or mentally ill are to be transferred to the Los Angeles County Medical Center or a private institution licensed to provide psychiatric care.

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- b) Patients with known suicidal intent may be admitted to the Hospital only if medically unstable for transfer. They shall be transferred to an appropriate facility as soon as they are considered medically safe for transfer and acceptance has been received from a receiving facility and physician. This includes patients who have taken an overdose of drugs. A psychiatric consult is required if the patient status is to be changed relative to their psychiatric diagnosis.
- c) Patients requiring "72 Hour Hold." As we are not a psychiatric institution, patients requiring any type of hold will be transferred to an institution licensed to provide psychiatric care.
- 2. Drug Abuse Patients
  - a) Patients who are drug addicts may not be admitted for detoxification, but given emergency care, stabilized and transferred to the Los Angeles County Medical Center or a private institution so licensed for such care.
- 3. Burn Patients
  - a) Burn patients who may require specialized medical care shall not be admitted unless medically unstable for transfer.
- 4. Other Categories
  - Patients with contagious diseases prohibited by law from admission to other than a county facility. (See Infection Control Manual for specific diseases in this category.)
  - b) Patients with conditions requiring higher level of care than can be provided by HPMC will be stabilized and transferred to an appropriate facility.

## Definition(s):

None

## Procedure:

See Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center Admitting Policies and Procedures Manual