

representative to make decisions regarding health care including the decision to discontinue treatment, to the extent permitted by law. A Practitioner who is unable to continue care as a result of such decisions shall make every reasonable effort to help the patient/representative arrange an appropriate transfer.

5.5 Patient Education

The Practitioner is responsible for ensuring that the patient and family receive appropriate education regarding medical conditions and treatments.

5.6 Ordering of Diagnostic Tests by Outside Providers

Practitioners who are not members of the Medical Staff or Advanced Practice Professionals must be contracted with ARMC, or affiliated with a health plan or County Agency, in order to refer patients to the Medical Center for outpatient diagnostic tests. Practitioners must provide specific orders for each such test, as well as contact and billing information.

Section 6: General Rules Regarding Emergency Service

- 6.1 A sufficient number of licensed physicians with clinical privileges in the Department of Emergency Medicine will be on duty at all times. A schedule will be posted showing physician assignments.
- 6.2 The Medical Staff will provide specialty consultation in the Emergency Department. The call schedule for each specialty is posted in the Emergency Department or at the switchboard.
- 6.3 The duties and responsibilities of all caregivers within the Emergency Department will be defined. A procedure manual, available for staff use, shall be approved by the Medical Executive Committee at least every three years.
- 6.4 A medical record shall be kept for every patient receiving emergency service. It shall include:
 - a) Patient identifying information.
 - b) The time and means of the patient's arrival.
 - c) Pertinent history, including details of prehospital care.
 - d) Pertinent physical exam and diagnostic test findings.
 - e) Diagnoses and disposition.

Section 7: General Rules Regarding Obstetrical Care

Obstetrical care shall meet the guidelines for Obstetric-Gynecologic Medical Center Services of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, including its policy on surgical sterilization, and shall comply with California law regarding sterilization and hysterectomy.

Section 8: General Rules Regarding Psychiatric Care

Psychosurgery, ~~electroconvulsive therapy~~, and aversion therapy for modification of behavior of a patient shall not be used.

A multidisciplinary treatment plan shall be completed for each admitted patient, to be updated as necessary. The responsible physician shall review and approve each such plan within the time limits specified by the Department of Behavioral Health.

A patient known or suspected to be a potential danger to self or others shall be evaluated by a psychiatrist at the Department of Behavioral Health and shall be admitted to the Behavioral Health