LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
- SHREVEPORT

REHABILITATION SERVICES

Purpose:
To define the scope of services of the Rehabilitation Services Department in the assessment and provision of care of LSU Health Sciences Center patients.

The Rehabilitation Services Department consists of the sections of Physical and Occupational Therapy and provides evaluation and treatment for the inpatient and outpatient population at LSU Health Sciences Center. Evaluation encompasses the performance of life span and functional age appropriate evaluation. Therapy is performed at the patient’s bedside or in the Rehabilitation Services Department. Department support personnel have the responsibility to transport patients to and from the department and to assist in the provision of patient care in those areas where they have received competency training.

Policy:

1. Rehabilitation Services are provided by qualified personnel to hospitalized patients upon physicians’ orders.

2. Data related to therapy status is collected/assessed on admission by nursing and medical staff. Consults may be initiated to Rehabilitation Services by physicians at this time or as needs for Rehabilitation Services are identified.

3. Physicians who question whether a patient can benefit from Rehabilitation should consult with the department. A Rehabilitation Services consult should be ordered for patients who have:
   a. Movement Dysfunction
   b. Ambulating difficulty
   c. Burns or non-healing wounds
   d. Cognitive impairment
   e. Developmental involvement
   f. Upper extremity or hand dysfunction
   g. Difficulty in functional activities including activities of daily living
   h. Disability adjustment concerns

4. It is the policy of the Rehabilitation Services Department to provide a comprehensive functional assessment and assessment / evaluation for those patients requiring rehabilitative intervention. Rehabilitation assessments are performed within 48 hours of consult for inpatients, if deemed necessary by the on-call physician. The on-call physician is notified to consult the on-call Rehabilitation Services personnel to manage emergency consults after clinic hours on weekends and holidays.
5. Other services include development of treatment plans, delivery and documentation of care/patient response, consultation, reevaluation, discharge recommendations and patient/family education. Home program documentation is also included.

6. Outpatient therapy is available to patients unable to complete therapy while hospitalized and for patients referred by physicians from outpatient clinics or the community. Physician referrals must be signed by the physician and include the patient's diagnosis and reason for referral to Rehabilitation Services.

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Administrator

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