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OPERATING POLICY

CATEGORY:	CLINICAL MANAGEMENT	CODE:	M-112
SUBJECT:	ILLEGAL DRUG POSSESSION/USE BY PATIENTS	EFFECTIVE:	01/2017
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1. Illegal drug possession/use by patients shall be prohibited, regardless of claims of prescriptive/therapeutic use.
 2. Any LLUMC employee finding an illegal drug and/or illegal drug-related paraphernalia shall report such findings to the Department of Security.
 3. Patients shall be required to turn over possession of any illegal drug and/or illegal drug paraphernalia to the Department of Security. In the event the patient refuses to do so, Security staff shall:
 - 3.1 Inform the patient that possession of illegal drugs (including marijuana) is illegal under federal law and that LLUMC is a federal contractor and must therefore comply with federal laws.
 - 3.2 Be responsible for requesting that the patient surrender the illegal substance and inform him or her that it will be disposed of according to Security Department procedure or surrendered to local law enforcement and not returned.
 - 3.3 Complete the appropriate security report.

NOTE: Marijuana, regardless of amount, is turned over to the local law enforcement agency through the Security Department or disposed of according to Security Department procedures.
 4. Patients who insist on possession/use of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, including marijuana, shall be discharged or transferred to another facility, subject to applicable laws and payor contract agreements and/or be reported to local law enforcement agency if it is related to criminal activity.

APPROVED: Hospital Executive Leadership, LLUMC Chief Executive Officer