

REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU PURSUANT TO  
NRS 439.877(4)(D)- SUBMITTED BY:

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VIA E-MAIL

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Dear Mr. Combs:

Pursuant to NRS 439.877(4)(d) (AB280), which requires patient safety committees in medical facilities to report annually on the facilities review, revision, and usage of patient safety checklists and policies, the following is a summary of Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center activities from July 1, 2018 to June 26, 2019.

All checklists and policies were reviewed. The Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center’s Patient Safety Program Policy includes the patient safety and policy compliance requirements. Below you will find a report summarizing the specific checklists and policies.

The Patient Safety Committee has established patient safety checklists and patient safety policies to ensure both medical and non-medical personnel follow protocols. The following is a list of these checklists and policies but are not limited to the below.

\*Therapy services may include but are not limited to Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy.

<b>Patient Safety Policies and Checklists Include:</b>	<b>Revisions****</b>	<b>Usage***</b>	<b>Review****</b>
Dysphagia/Aspiration	X	Rehab	
Social & Family Assessment	X	Rehab	
Referral Process for Ineligible Patients	X	Rehab	

CLABSI Prevention		Infection Prevention	X
Prevention of Retained Surgical Items	X	Surgical Services	
Malignant Hypothermia	X	Surgical Services	
Specimen Collection Guidelines for Laboratory Specimens	X	Laboratory	
Auto Substitutions in Radiology		Radiology	X
External Jugular Peripheral Intravenous Line Placement		Emergency Department	
Automated Dispensing Using the Pyxis System		Pharmacy	X
Controlled Substance Drug Discrepancy Resolution		Pharmacy	X
Controlled Substance Ordering, Receiving, and Security Date		Pharmacy	X
Drug Selection & Procurement – Distribution of Medication Samples		Pharmacy	X
Safety & Management –Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies		Pharmacy	X
Safety & Management of the Environment of Care – Drug Recalls		Pharmacy	X
Surgical Smoke Evacuation		Surgical Services	X
CAR 013	X	Respiratory	
RESP 025	X	Respiratory	
Dover Sentinel PAPR HEPA System		Employee Health	
Care of the Behavioral Health/Legal 2000 Patient	X	Risk Management	
Safety in MRI		Radiology	X
Adverse Reaction in Radiology		Radiology	X
Code Red in MRI		Radiology	X
Dosimetry Badges		Radiology	X
Exam Verification		Radiology	X
Lead Proactive Device Cleaning and Maintenance		Radiology	X
Outside Testing		Radiology	X
Pediatric Contrast Protocol		Radiology	X
QA-QC for CT, MRI, NM		Radiology	X
Admission Criteria		Gero-Psych	X
Clothing & Belongings Search		Gero-Psych	X
Confidentiality		Gero-Psych	X
Contraband & Restricted Articles		Gero-Psych	X
Discharge Planning		Gero-Psych	X
Emergency Medical Care		Gero-Psych	X
Employee Relations with Clients		Gero-Psych	X
Healthcare Proxy & Patient Self Determination		Gero-Psych	X

Informed Consent for Psychoactive Medication		Gero-Psych	X
Interdisciplinary Treatment Plan		Gero-Psych	X
Observation Rounds		Gero-Psych	X
Occupational & Physical Therapy Consults		Gero-Psych	X
Patient Care Assignments		Gero-Psych	X
Patient Comprehensive Assessment		Gero-Psych	X
Patient Elopement		Gero-Psych	X
Patient Photos for Identification		Gero-Psych	X
Patient Responsibilities		Gero-Psych	X
Patient Rights		Gero-Psych	X
Patient Visitation Rights		Gero-Psych	X
Personal Search of Patient Property		Gero-Psych	X
Protective & Supportive Devices		Gero-Psych	X
Psychological Testing		Gero-Psych	X
Room Searches		Gero-Psych	X
Seclusion and/or Restraint Use		Gero-Psych	X
Special Precautions Guidelines		Gero-Psych	X
Surveillance – Camera Monitoring		Gero-Psych	X
Use of Scrubs or Gowns		Gero-Psych	X
Warrants and other Court Documents Served to Patients		Gero-Psych	X
Spit Sock Hood/Mesh Face Mask		Emergency Department	
Emergency Department Triage	X	Emergency Department	
Preservation of Evidence in the ED	X	Emergency Department	
Hazardous Materials/Waste Management Plan		Engineering	X
Hot Work		Engineering	X
Safety Education		Engineering	X
Treadmill Stress Testing		Cardio Pulmonary	X
Discharge Planning		Rehab	X
Patient & Family Education – Rehab		Rehab	X
Pharmaceutical Representative Hospital Access	X	Pharmacy	
Medication Safety Black Box Warnings	X	Pharmacy	
Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Disclosure	X	Pharmacy	
Dietitian Managing Diet Orders Protocol		Dietary	X
Wayfinding		Environment of Care	X

Environment of Care Committee		Environment of Care	X
Escalation/Chain of Command	X	Risk Management	
Intubation/Rapid Sequence	X	Emergency Department	
Heliport Safety	X	Emergency Department	
Reportable Cases	X	Emergency Department	
Ebola Virus Exposure Control Plan		Infection Prevention	X
Influx of Infectious Patients, Plan for		Infection Prevention	X
TB Exposure Control Plan		Infection Prevention	X
Cidex OPA-High Level Disinfection Guidelines		Infection Prevention	X
Delineation of Authority for Infection Control		Infection Prevention	X
Patient Teaching in Infectious Diseases		Infection Prevention	X
Portable Fans in Patient Room		Infection Prevention	X
First Case Start Guidelines		Surgical Services	X
Surgical Wound Classification		Surgical Services	X
Billing for Non-Formulary Medications		Pharmacy	X
Scope of Service - Pharmacy		Pharmacy	X
Dispensing Labels, Labeling And Use Of Auxiliary Labeling		Pharmacy	X
Drug Storage – Floor Stock		Pharmacy	X
Drug Storage – Medication and Device Purchased and Stored by Other Hospital Departments		Pharmacy	X
Drug Diversion “C”		Pharmacy	X
Off Label Use of Medications		Pharmacy	X
Pharmaceutical Representative Hospital Access		Pharmacy	X
Adult Standardized Concentrations and Preparations of IV Drugs “C”		Pharmacy	X
Chest Pain Center Guidelines	X	Cardiac Cath	
Code STEMI Policy	X	Cardiac Cath	
EOC Rounds	X	Environment of Care	
Medical Screening Exam Process and ED Registration	X	Emergency Department	
Code Blue Resuscitation	X	Emergency Department	
Construction and Renovation Plan	X	Infection Prevention	
MRSA Decolonization Protocol	X	Infection Prevention	
PICC Line Guidelines and Care	X	Infection Prevention	
TB Exposure Control Plan	X	Infection Prevention	
TB Screening	X	Infection Prevention	

Patient Rights & Responsibilities	X	Gero-Psych	
Clothing & Belongings Search	X	Gero-Psych	
Staffing Plan, Nursing	X	Nursing	
Process for Scheduling Education	X	Health & Wellness	
Stroke Center	X	Health & Wellness	
Pre-Admission Testing		Surgical Services	X
Terminal Cleaning of Surgical and Invasive Procedure Suites		Surgical Services	X
Surgical Vendor Guidelines		Surgical Services	X
Automated Dispensing – Recommendations for Shift Counts and DEA Scheduled Drug Discrepancy		Pharmacy	X
Clinical Warnings for Automated Dispensing Cabinets	X	Pharmacy	
Drug Selection & Procurement – Formulary Additions/Deletions		Pharmacy	X
Drug Selection & Procurement – Formulary Development		Pharmacy	X
Drug Selection & Procurement – Formulary Maintenance		Pharmacy	X
Drug Selection & Procurement – Nuclear Medicine Drug Interaction Avoidance		Pharmacy	X
Medication Supplied by Practitioners – Providers		Pharmacy	X
Minimum Information Required for Pharmacy to Provide Services		Pharmacy	X
Monitoring the Effects of Drugs-Adverse Drug Events Reporting		Pharmacy	X
Non-Formulary Drugs – Prescribing, Ordering and Procuring		Pharmacy	X
Pharmacist Assessment of Patients		Pharmacy	X
Pharmacist Order Verification		Pharmacy	X
Pharmacy Ordering and Check in Process		Pharmacy	X
Sedation and Analgesia for Ventilated Patients	X	Pharmacy	
Management of Healthcare Workers Illness & Exposure	X	Employee Health	
Barcode & Scanning Policy “C”	X	Pharmacy	
Utility Systems Management Plan		Engineering	X
Battery Powered Lighting		Engineering	X
Above Ceiling Permit Policy	X	Engineering	
Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan	X	Infection Prevention	
Insulin Pump, Management of Continuous Subcutaneous Infusion	X	Health & Wellness	
Bomb Threat Response Plan (Code Black)	X	Emergency Preparedness	
Abusive and Combative Behavior, Management of:	X	Emergency Preparedness	
Code Orange Response Plan	X	Emergency Preparedness	

Security Management Plan	X	Emergency Preparedness	
Bioterrorism Response Preparedness Plan	X	Emergency Preparedness	
Fire Response Plan	X	Environment of Care	
Ticket to Ride & Patient Hand-Off	X	Radiology	
Quality Control		Radiology	X
Environment of Care Pharmaceutical Waste Management	X	Engineering	
Tobacco Free Campus		Engineering	X
Critical Values Policy	X	Infection Prevention	
Post Mortem Care		Nursing	X
Competency of Agency - Supplemental Staff		Nursing	X
Pediatric Admission Criteria		Nursing	X
Organization Wide Plan for Care	X	Nursing	
Against Medical Advice AMA- Release of Responsibility		Nursing	X
Assessment and Reassessment of the Admitted Patient		Nursing	X
Wound Care – Specialty Bed		Wound Care	X
Wound Care- Negative Pressure Wound Therapy		Wound Care	X
Safe Patient Handling & Transfer		Quality	X
Therapeutic Drug Monitoring	X	Pharmacy	
IV to Oral Therapeutic Interchange		Pharmacy	
Renal Dosing	X	Pharmacy	
High Alert Medication	X	Pharmacy	
Look Alike or Sound Alike Medications	X	Pharmacy	
HTM Medical Equipment Management Plan	X	Biomedical	
HTM TJC EC Compliance Manual	X	Biomedical	
Echo Policy	X	Respiratory	
Respiratory Adult Intubation Treatment Protocol	X	Respiratory	
Respiratory Adult Oxygen Initiation and Weaning Protocol	X	Respiratory	
Respiratory ABG Protocol	X	Respiratory	
Ventilator Weaning Protocol	X	Respiratory	
Electroencephalogram	X	Respiratory	
OR Stand by		Cardiac Cath	X
Cath Lab Reports		Cardiac Cath	X
Assessment/Reassessment of Patients		Cardiac Cath	X
Cardiac Radiographers Responsibilities		Cardiac Cath	X

Utility Systems Management Plan		Environment of Care	X
Termination of Physician Patient Relationship	X	Risk Management	
Custody of Forensic Patients		Security	X
Admission and Discharge Criteria IMC		IMC	X
Hospital Admission from the Emergency Department	X	Emergency Department	
Emergency Department Management of the Pregnant Patient	X	Emergency Department	
Emergency Services Discharge Policy	X	Emergency Department	
Calorie Count	X	Dietary	
Nutrition Screen, Nutrition Assessment		Dietary	X
Nutrition Education Patient and Family		Dietary	X
Monitoring Special Diets		Dietary	X
A1C Standing Order	X	Health & Wellness	
NIH Stroke Scale	X	Health & Wellness	
Heart Failure Program		Health & Wellness	X
Stoke Program		Health & Wellness	X
Hypoglycemia Treatment Protocol for Non-Pregnant Adult		Health & Wellness	X
Blood Glucose Meters Distribution		Health & Wellness	X
Diabetes Education Program Diabetes Assessment		Health & Wellness	X
Diabetes Inpatient Program		Health & Wellness	X
Letter of Authority Life Safety Program	X	Engineering	
Fabric Fire Retardant Certificates		Engineering	X
Mapping and Labeling of Utility Systems		Engineering	X
Emergency Generator and Transfer Switch Testing	X	Engineering	
Medical Gas Systems	X	Engineering	
Laundering Patient Clothing	X	Infection Prevention	
Food and Drink in Nurses Station		Infection Prevention	X
TB Exposure, Cough Producing Procedure	X	Infection Prevention	
MRSA – Active Surveillance Cultures	X	Infection Prevention	
Peripheral Nerve Block Insertion with Addendum	X	Surgical Services	
Fire Risk Prevention in the Procedural, Invasive, and Surgical Rooms		Surgical Services	X
Wireless Capsule Endoscopy		Surgical Services	X
Standing Orders- Endoscopy		Surgical Services	X
Standard of Care During Endoscopy Procedures		Surgical Services	X
Polypectomy		Surgical Services	X

Electrocautery		Surgical Services	X
Scheduling For Endoscopy		Surgical Services	X
Esophageal Prosthesis		Surgical Services	X
Foreign Body Removal		Surgical Services	X
Endoscopy Use of Equipment		Surgical Services	X
Endoscopy Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)		Surgical Services	X
Emergency Endoscopy		Surgical Services	X
Dilation Pneumatic Balloon		Surgical Services	X
Cytology		Surgical Services	X
Culture During Endoscopy		Surgical Services	X
Bronchoscopy		Surgical Services	X
Block Scheduling Guidelines		Surgical Services	X
Electrosurgical Cautery Unit Safety		Surgical Services	X
Quality Plan	X	Quality	
Risk Management Plan	X	Risk Management	
Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunization Protocol		Pharmacy	X
Infection Control		Biomedical	X
Dress Code		Biomedical	X
HTM Medical Equipment Management Plan	X	Biomedical	
Respiratory Mechanical Ventilation Invasive and Non-Invasive System Set-Up and Continued Assessment	X	Respiratory	
Cardiology Reading Times	X	Respiratory	
Intellishelf Supply SL Summary		Cardiac Cath	X
Tee Procedure & Cleaning	X	Cardiac Cath	
Pacemaker Insertion – Temporary	X	Cardiac Cath	X
Information Management Policy	X	Cardiac Cath	
OR Standby for Invasive Cardiac Procedures		Cardiac Cath	X
Image Retention Program	X	Cardiac Cath	
General Equipment Operation Competency Checklist		Cardiac Cath	X
Dispensing Item onto Sterile Field	X	Surgical Services	
Safety of the Patient at Risk for Suicide	X	Nursing	
Assessment and Reassessment of the Admitted Patient	X	Nursing	
Restraint & Seclusion	X	Nursing	
Pain Management	X	Nursing	



Alarm Safety	X	Nursing	
Universal Protocol	X	Surgical Services	
Continuous Cardiac Monitoring with Mixed Venous Oxygen Saturation		ICU	X
ICU Enteral Tube Feeding for Patients Receiving Mechanical Ventilation		ICU	X
Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP) Management		ICU	X
Oral Care of Mechanically Ventilated Patients	X	ICU	
Panic Alarm System	X	Security	
ED Internal Disasters	X	Emergency Department	
Coroner Medical Examiner Reportable Death		Emergency Department	X
Emergency Department Response to Outside Emergencies		Emergency Department	X
Patient Nourishment	X	Dietary	
Nutrition Screen/Nutrition Assessment		Dietary	X
Calorie Count		Dietary	X
Storage of Contrast		Radiology	X
MRI Screening & Education		Radiology	X
MRI Safety		Radiology	X
MRI Screening for Unconscious, Unresponsive and/or AMS		Radiology	X
Positive Cultures in Outpatient Wound Care	X	Infection Prevention	
PICC Line Placement, Nurse Performed Radiographic Confirmation	X	Nursing	
Code Cart Maintenance	X	Pharmacy	
Drug Storage Medication Prepackaging Process and Labeling		Pharmacy	X
Education-Patient and Family Medication Education		Pharmacy	X
Emergency Medications	X	Pharmacy	
Leadership – Facility Organization as Related to Pharmacy		Pharmacy	X
Personnel Records		Pharmacy	X
Poison Control	X	Pharmacy	
Proper Garb for Sterile Preparation		Pharmacy	X
Sterile Products - Aseptic Procedures for Barrier Isolation Chambers	X	Pharmacy	
Sterile Products - General Guidelines for Pharmacy for Prevention of Contamination		Pharmacy	X
Sterile Products - Hand Washing Prior to Sterile Preparation		Pharmacy	X
Storage, Drugs and Devices		Pharmacy	X
TPN Guidelines	X	Pharmacy	

Trays Containing Drugs Procedure		Pharmacy	X
Unusable Drugs and Devices		Pharmacy	X
Pharmacological Stress Test		Respiratory	X
Emergency Operations Plan 2019	X	Emergency Preparedness	
Cardioversion – Synchronized		Emergency Department	X
Callback of Positive Test Results	X	Emergency Department	
Patient Food Preferences	X	Dietary	
Patient Menus	X	Dietary	
Standard for Nutritional Care		Dietary	X
Fluid Restrictions		Dietary	X
Outpatient Hyperglycemia Reporting		Health & Wellness	X
Learning Needs Assessment		Health & Wellness	X
Missed Appointments		Health & Wellness	X
Outbreak Investigation	X	Infection Prevention	
Surge of Potentially Infectious Patients	X	Infection Prevention	
Exposure to Blood or Body Fluids by Patients or Visitors	X	Infection Prevention	
Healthcare Associated Infections for Reporting	X	Infection Prevention	
Cleaning and Disinfection of Reusable Patient Care Equipment	X	Infection Prevention	
Storage – Warming and Cooling of Solutions		Surgical Services	X
Dilation Bougiengage	X	Surgical Services	
Storage & Use of Implant Tissue		Surgical Services	X
Dispensing Items onto Sterile Field		Surgical Services	X
Chemotherapy Spills	X	Pharmacy	
Administration of Drugs – Standard Medication Administration		Pharmacy	X
Automated Dispensing – Request to Add or Change Override List		Pharmacy	X
Automatic MAR Profiling – Hypoglycemia Protocol		Pharmacy	X
Computer Downtime Pharmacy		Pharmacy	X
Confidentiality – Protected Health Information		Pharmacy	X
Drug Selection and Procurement – Radiographic Contrast Media Interaction Avoidance		Pharmacy	X
Drug Storage – Pharmacy Inspections of Medication		Pharmacy	X
Expiration Dates		Pharmacy	X
Handling of Broken Pharmaceutical Waste Containers, Spills, or Other Contents Exposure	X	Pharmacy	

Monitoring the Effects of Drugs - Adverse Vaccine Reactions		Pharmacy	X
Orders - General Guidelines for Verbal Prescription Orders	X	Pharmacy	
Patient Rights and Organizational Ethics - General Guidelines		Pharmacy	X
Pharmaceutical Waste Management - Contingencies and Disaster Plan		Pharmacy	X
Pharmaceutical Waste Management - Continual EPA Readiness with Regards to Pharmaceutical Waste		Pharmacy	X
Pharmaceutical Waste Management - Exchange and Transport	X	Pharmacy	
Pharmaceutical Waste Management - Lists of Pharmaceutical Waste Requiring Disposal		Pharmacy	X
Pharmaceutical Waste Management – Overview	X	Pharmacy	
Pharmaceutical Waste Management - Pharmaceutical Waste Generator Classification		Pharmacy	X
Pharmaceutical Waste Management - Training for Disposal and Handling of Pharmaceutical Waste		Pharmacy	X
Pharmacy Charges		Pharmacy	X
Pharmacy Drug Master File		Pharmacy	X
Pharmacy Performance Improvement Activities		Pharmacy	X
Security of Staff and Drugs		Pharmacy	X
Therapeutic Alternatives		Pharmacy	X
Renal Dosing Policy - "S"		Pharmacy	X
Management of Healthcare Workers Illness & Exposure	X	Employee Health	
Respiratory Sputum Collection	X	Respiratory	
Respiratory Adult Intubation	X	Respiratory	
Service Animals	X	Risk Management	
Removal of Urinary Catheters	X	Nursing	
PICC Lines Guidelines & Care	X	Nursing	
Bladder Protocol	X	Nursing	
Blood Administration	X	Nursing	
Radiology Record and Film Retention	X	HIM	
Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes	X	Risk Management	
Patient Visitation	X	Risk Management	
Employee Conflicts Related to Patient Care	X	Human Resources	

<b>New Patient Safety Policy and Checklists Developed</b>	<b>Usage***</b>

<b>Summary of Review</b>	Total # Developed	Total # Revised	Total # Reviewed
Patient Safety Checklists	0	0	1
Patient Safety Policies	4	129	193

\*\*Checklists and Patient Safety Policies were reviewed for the stated time period.

\*\*\*Usage outlines the units/departments the policies/checklists are used in.

\*\*\*\*As part of the annual review any required revisions will be identified. If revisions are required this is noted in the revision box. Any additional patient safety checklists or policies identified will be noted in this (review) column. If the annual review reveals no changes are required this box will be marked with an "X". An "X" means that the checklists and policies were reviewed but no changes were required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff should you require additional information.

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