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AAC 12c: POLICY ON LEAVE AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE

1.0 POLICY:

Patient has right to leave hospital against medical advice.

Hospital has to follow the immediately following guidelines for L.A.M.A.

2.0 PURPOSE:

To define the policies for patients leaving the hospital against medical advice OR what so ever may be the reason

To have a mechanism for L.A.M.A patient

3.0 ABBREVIATIONS:

LAMA: Leave against medical advice

4.0 SCOPE:

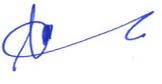
Patients admitted in the hospital.

Patients advised admission from either the casualty or OPD

5.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

Physicians, Nursing & Front desk staff

6.0 DISTRIBUTION:

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All patient care areas

7.0 PROCESS DETAILS:

7.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS

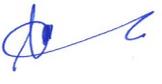
Under the scope of patient rights, no patients can be kept in hospital against their will. The nursing staff and the doctor concerned should try to persuade the patient to stay and at the same time try to find out why the patient wishes to leave, if possible the problem should be resolved.

It is the responsibility of the doctor to explain to the patient that if the patient leaves the hospital against medical advice the hospital ceases to be responsible for his/her care.

Despite this if the patient still wishes to take his/her own discharge all possible steps should be taken to ensure the patient/authorized attendant signs a form to this effect before leaving the hospital.

In the event that the patient refuses to sign the form, this should be documented clearly in the Medical Records. All discussions and risks explained should be recorded in the patient's Medical Records.

- **Discharge summary will be prepared and handed over to the patient.**
- **Patient will be asked to clear all dues.**

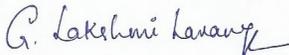
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- A copy of discharge summary will be kept in MRD department with the patient's/Relative's signature and a witness's signature along with name and contact number

7.2 ACTIVITY AND RESPONSIBILITY:

S. No	Activity	Responsibility
1	Development of a care plan for post discharge care	Treating Physician/Surgeon
2	Arranging for the provision of services, including patient/family education and referrals.	Ward In charge
3	The co-ordination related to discharge with other team members	Resident Doctor/Nurse In charge
4	Preparation of Final/Preliminary discharge summary	Doctor
5	Preparation of final bill	Billing section
6	Information to administration in case the patient/attender dose not want to sign on the case sheet	Doctor

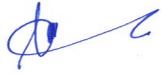
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8. O Formats: LAMA Consent

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