



New General Acute Care Hospital Relicensing Survey (GACHRLS)

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Background



- The State beta-tested a new General Acute Care Hospital Relicensing Survey (GACHRLS) in May 2014 and will start implementation **March 2016**

- The new GACHRLS is multi-functional
 - Complies with regulation (Health & Safety Code Section 1279)
 - Promotes and ensure quality of care in hospitals
 - Verifies compliance with state statutes and regulations
 - Ensures program wide consistency in survey methodology
 - **Incorporates the former stand-alone Medication Error Reduction Plan (MERP) survey and Patient Safety Licensing Survey (PSLS)**





GACHRLS Composition



- **Frequency:** Inspections will be conducted no less than every 3 years, or as often as necessary to ensure quality of care.
- **Survey Team:** 3-5 on-site days depending on size and complexity of hospital with the following roles present:
 - Registered Nurse
 - Medical Consultant
 - Nutrition Consultant
 - Pharmaceutical Consultant
 - Additional RN surveyor as indicated based on size of hospital
 - Additional team members as indicated





GACHRHS Tasks Summary



Task One: Off-Site Survey Preparation

To analyze information about the hospital to develop a plan for investigation that considers approach for inspecting the facility's unique layout and/or multiple campuses, and that will address any identified areas of potential concern.

Task Two: Entrance Activities

To explain the survey process to the hospital, introduce the survey team members, and to obtain information needed to conduct the survey

Task Three: Information Gathering / Investigation

To determine compliance through observations, interviews, and record reviews.

Task Four: Preliminary Decision Making / Analysis of Findings

To determine scope and severity of findings and prepare for the exit interview.

Task Five: Exit Conference

To inform the facility staff of the team's preliminary findings, which will be finalized in Task 6

Task Six: Post-Survey Activities

To complete the licensing survey with finalized Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Corrections as appropriate.





Impact on Laguna Honda



- GACHRLS is applicable since Laguna Honda is licensed as a General Acute Care Hospital
- Laguna Honda has 11 (6 medical, 5 rehabilitation) licensed acute care beds with physical, occupational, speech, audiology, dental services and 27 types of out-patient clinic services
- Program flexibility approvals include
 - Surgical, anesthesia, & fluoroscopy services by ZSFG
 - Off-campus medical record storage

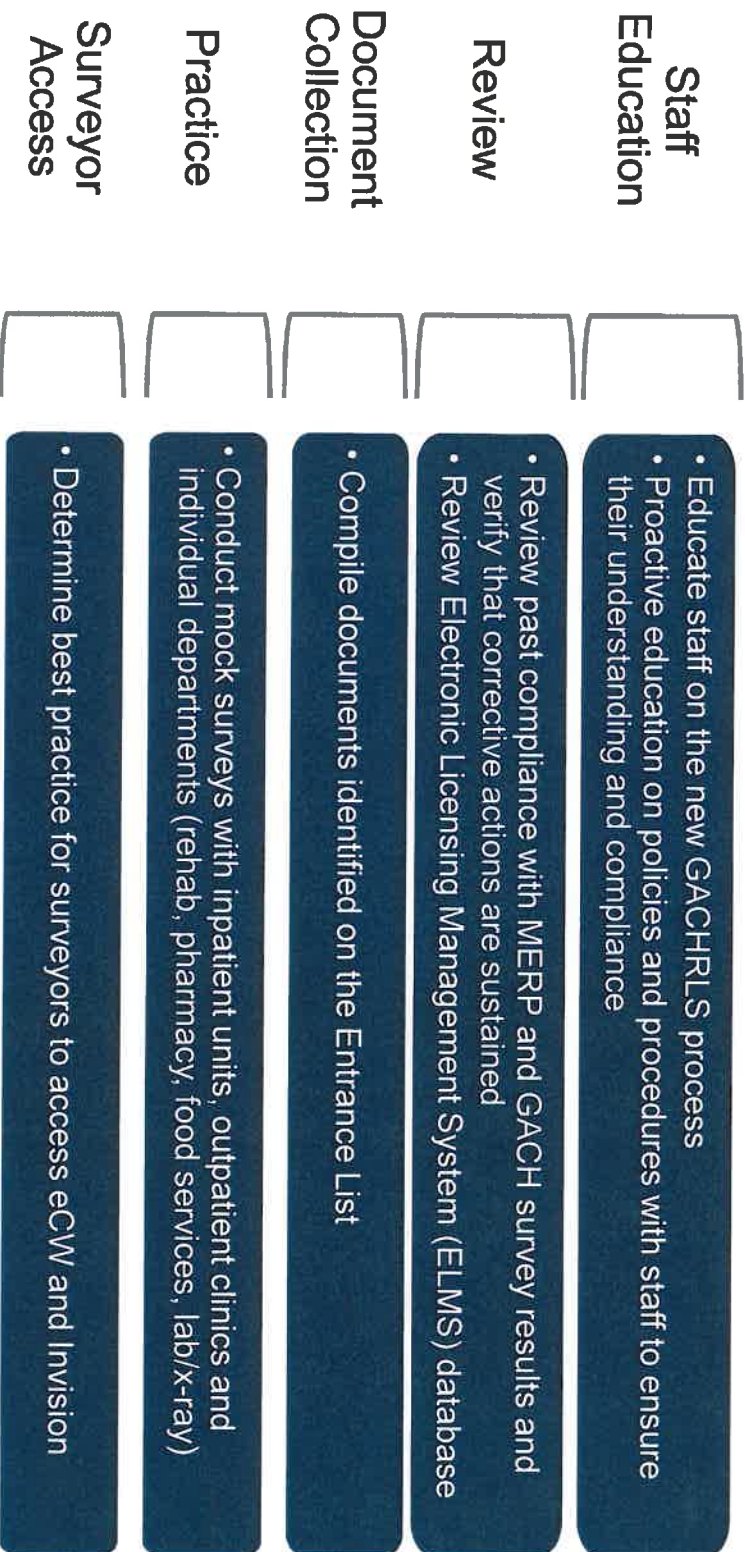




Action Plan by Laguna Honda



■ Laguna Honda has 5 focus areas in preparation for the new GACHRLS





Plan by Departments



Medicine

- Credentialing Files
- Med QI Reports
- Medical Staff By-Laws

Outpatient Clinics

- Infection Control
- Physical Environment

Nursing

- Infection Control
- Staffing Ratios
- Provision of Care and Services
- Equipment Safety

Pharmacy

- MERP
- Infection Control
- Medication Reconciliation
- Narcotic Control
- Physical Environment

Dietary

- Infection Control
- Assessment and Care Planning
- Physical Environment

Lab/X-Ray

- Infection Control
- Equipment Safety
- Physical Environment

Rehabilitation

- Infection Control
- Assessment, Treatment and Care Planning
- Physical Environment

Social Services

- Discharge Assessment and Plans

Security and Infection Control Program

- Annual Report
- Policies and Procedures
- Risk Assessments and Plans





Questions, Comments or Suggestions?

