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INTRODUCTION
As a staff employee of UCSF, you are an important member of the Medical Center community; accordingly, you have certain rights and privileges. In addition, you have responsibilities to the Medical Center, to your department, and to your fellow employees. Be informed of your rights, benefits, and responsibilities, which are described in detail in the University of California and AFSCME Agreement, University of California and UPTE Agreement, and Personnel Policies for Staff Members. Copies are maintained in the Laboratory Administrative Office (M-569), Outpatient Phlebotomy (A-122), UCSF Human Resources Department (LH 350), UCSF Labor and Employee Relations (3333 California Street), and the Campus Library (530 Parnassus Avenue).

The Clinical Laboratories has prepared this copy of its Department Personnel Policies for you. The policies have been reviewed with the Personnel and Labor Relations Departments: they supplement and are to be used in conjunction with University Policies, Staff Personnel Policies and UPTE and AFSCME Agreements. All policies and agreements are subject to change.

If you are unsure of the performance standards and conduct that are expected of you, clarify them with your supervisor. Failure to adhere to these standards may subject you to corrective action up to and including dismissal from the University.

Try to resolve any differences concerning work relationships and conditions of employment through informal discussions with your supervisor. If you are unable to reach satisfactory resolution of problems through discussions, you may appeal through established administrative review and/or grievance procedures.

I. HOURS OF WORK
   A. Length of Shifts
      1. The standard work shift is eight (8) hours of work with a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch period. An alternate work schedule of eight (8) hours of work with one (1) hour unpaid lunch period may be established within a section with supervisor approval.
      2. The length of shift and lunch period applies to nights, days, and evenings on weekdays, weekends, and holidays.
      3. Exceptions to the above may be established based on operational needs.
   B. Meal Periods
      1. Every employee working six (6) hours or more must take a meal period. For a six to eight (6-8) hour shift there shall be a one-half (1/2) hour [or alternate one (1) hour] meal period in addition to six to eight (6-8) hours of work. An exception for night staff has been established.
      2. Employees shall not take more than the allotted period of time for their meal period.
3. Meal periods shall be tentatively scheduled by supervisors for all employees in accordance with the workload. Supervisors must make every effort to ensure that each employee has a meal period at a reasonable time.

4. Meal periods must be taken unless an unusual workload prevents the employee from doing so. Supervisor approval must be obtained before a meal period is skipped. If the employee is required to work through the meal period, the time will be compensated with compensatory time off.

5. Meal periods shall not be taken at the beginning or end of work shift.

C. Rest Periods

1. Employees working six to eight (6-8) hour shifts shall normally be granted two (2) 15 minute rest periods per day. Employees working at least three (3) hours but less than six (6) hours may be granted one (1) 15-minute rest period per day.

2. Rest periods may be combined into one 30-minute rest period with prior supervisor approval.

3. With prior approval, rest period may be taken at the beginning or end of a meal period. However, they must be taken at times acceptable to the supervisor and may not conflict with peak workload hours.

4. Rest periods may not be taken at the beginning or end of a shift and may not be accumulated for use at a later date.

5. Rest periods may not be used to substitute for the meal period in order to shorten the workday.

6. It is the supervisor’s responsibility to make every effort to see that all employees receive rest periods. However, unusually high workloads may require a supervisor to cancel rest periods for a shift.

D. Early Departure

On days of light workload employees may be assigned to work on special assignments detailed by the supervisor. If all employee responsibilities are completed to the satisfaction of the supervisor and the supervisor’s approval is obtained, vacation or compensatory time off may be taken.

E. Leaving the Work Areas

Employees are not to leave their work without prior approval of the supervisor. Employees must inform their supervisor of:

1. Their location.
2. Their anticipated time of return.

F. Trading/Transferring Shifts

1. Employees shall not trade shifts or work additional shifts without prior approval of the shift supervisor involved.

2. Employees who wish to transfer to a different shift must apply formally if a vacancy occurs. All appropriate qualifications, length of service, and operational needs will be considered in the selection process.
Employees will be informed when hired that they may be required to work assigned holidays. It is the supervisor’s responsibility to ensure that the holidays are equitably assigned in accordance with University Personnel Policies, and University of California AFSCME and UPTE Agreements.

H. Overtime

1. **Premium** overtime is defined as hours worked in excess of either:
   a. Forty hours per week when specified holidays do not occur and vacation or sick leave is not used.
   b. Eight hours per day or eighty hours per biweekly period when specified holidays do not occur and vacation or sick leave is not used.

2. Straight overtime is defined as:
   a. Hours worked in excess of part-time appointment and no more than a regularly scheduled full-time appointment (regularly scheduled hours).
   b. Hours worked on non-specified holidays, if eligible for holiday pay.
   c. Hours worked in excess of: (i) forty paid hours per week or (ii) eight paid hours per day or eighty paid hours per biweekly period and sick leave or vacation is used.
   d. Straight hours are paid at the straight time rate and also require prior supervisor approval.

3. Employees will be informed when hired that they may be required to work overtime with minimal notice, given the need for adequate staffing of a hospital at all hours.

4. All overtime must be approved in advance by the supervisor. Only if a supervisor is unavailable and an emergency arises may an employee work overtime without prior approval.

5. Supervisors are accountable to the Administrative Director of the Clinical Laboratories for all overtime and it is their responsibility to minimize overtime and assign it in an equitable manner in accordance with University of California Personnel Policies, and University of California UPTE and AFSCME Agreements.

6. Compensatory time must be taken at a time convenient to the department but not longer than 6-12 months from date earned. Refer to the appropriate University Personnel Policies, and University of California UPTE and AFSCME Agreements for the specific policy.

7. When an employee is called back to work, the employee shall be paid the actual time worked or a minimum of three (3) hours, whichever is greater. The hours worked are subject to the overtime provision of premium overtime pay (currently one and one half (1.5) times the normal hourly rate) where applicable. With supervisory approval, premium overtime worked under these circumstances may be compensated by time off instead of premium overtime pay.

II. TARDINESS

A. It is the employee’s responsibility to be at the workstation and ready to work no later than five (5) minutes after the shift begins.
B. If tardiness is anticipated, the employee must call the work section as soon as possible and leave a message with the supervisor indicating anticipated time of arrival. The employee shall report to the supervisor or person in charge upon arrival.

C. Excessive or unexcused tardiness of four (4) days per month or six (6) episodes per calendar year may result in loss of pay to the employee and/or corrective action.

III. SICK LEAVE

A. For University employees, Sick Leave accrues according to University Personnel Policies and University of California UPTE and AFSCME Agreements.

B. Employees are responsible for notifying the section supervisor or the person-in-charge of their absence due to illness.

C. Employees must notify their supervisor each day of absence due to illness unless the supervisor authorizes an exception.

D. The appropriate supervisor or person-in-charge is to be notified at least 2 hours (≥ 2 hrs) before the start of work. If the section is not open for operation at that time, the employee is to notify the appropriate supervisor as soon as the section opens for operation.

E. The supervisor may require a satisfactory proof of illness or disability from a licensed physician.

F. A physician’s statement of approval may be required before the employee can return to work.

G. The abuse of sick leave, or the excessive use of sick leave or unscheduled PTO, can result in corrective action(s) up to and including dismissal.

H. Intermittent sick leave usage that becomes excessive is considered poor attendance. Should a full-time employee have six (6) absent events in any preceding twelve (12) month period (or use 50% of annual sick leave earned for part-time employees), corrective action may be taken up to and including dismissal.

I. Corrective action may also be taken when frequent tardiness, absences, or use of unscheduled PTO occur with an apparent pattern (e.g., before or just after scheduled days off, including weekends, holidays, or vacation; when a request for time off has been denied; one day or more each month; same day every week or month; when scheduled to work weekends; etc.)

J. When a University employee completely uses all sick leave credits, the employee may use compensatory time earned or vacation time accrued to cover illness with prior approval from their supervisor.

K. For University employees, sick leave is not to be used for any reason other than illness or disability, except for the circumstances described in section Part III of these policies, and the corresponding sections in the University of California UPTE and AFSCME Agreements and the University Personnel Policies.

L. A University employee is not permitted to use more than thirty (30) days of accrued sick leave in any calendar year because of a serious illness of a relative, as stated in University Personnel Policies, or University of California UPTE and AFSCME Agreements. However, up to 12 weeks of unpaid Family and Medical Leave may be obtained by any employee to care for eligible family members. An employee is also permitted to use five (5) days of sick leave or PTO per occurrence of death of relatives as specified in University Personnel Policies and University of California UPTE and AFSCME Agreements.
M. Requests for the use of sick leave or PTO for medical and dental appointments for employees and/or their children shall be made to the supervisor at least one (≥ 1) week in advance. Employees who require numerous medical or dental appointments shall arrange an appointment schedule with their supervisor’s approval.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

A. Time-off for personal reasons shall be requested of the supervisor at least one (≥ 1) week in advance. For University employees the time off may be covered by vacation, compensatory time earned, or leave without pay.

B. Jury Duty

1. The letter from the court concerning jury duty appearance must be submitted to the supervisor as soon as received. Attendance for jury duty must be scheduled with the supervisor.

2. After the first court date the employee shall inform the supervisor of the estimated length of absence, if known.

3. A full-time career employee shall be granted leave with pay for actual time on jury duty and reasonable travel time with pay but not to exceed the number of hours in an employee’s normal work day.

V. VACATION LEAVE

A. Vacation leave accrues according to University Personnel Policies and UPTE and AFSCME Agreements.

B. The supervisor shall schedule vacation at the convenience of the section. Vacation leave shall be requested from the supervisor at least one (≥ 1) month in advance.

C. Each section shall establish the maximum number of employees who have schedule time off during the same time period.

D. The supervisor shall approve vacation leave based on seniority or an established system for that section. The supervisor is responsible for ensuring an equitable distribution of preferred vacation assignments.

E. Employee requests to change vacation schedules may be approved if there is no negative impact upon the section.

VI. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

A. All leave must be requested and granted in writing. Any change of time must also be requested and granted in writing.

B. Requests for leave without pay for a period not in excess of twelve months for University employees may be granted by the Administrative Director of the Clinical Laboratories. Requests for leave without pay will be in accordance with University Personnel Policies, and UPTE and AFSCME Agreements with the University of California.

VII. TIME RECORDS

A. It is the employee’s responsibility to enter the required payroll system transactions to record the hours worked on each scheduled day. If an employee is absent, the supervisor will enter the appropriate coded hours (e.g., VAC, SKL, etc.) for that scheduled day. Should an employee notice a problem with the recorded hours of work or fail to register hours worked
(clock-in/clock-out or daily check-in), notify the supervisor or person-in-charge as soon as possible for correction.

B. The section supervisor shall keep for each employee a current record of sick and vacation leave, and compensatory time accrued and taken. The section supervisor shall maintain records of overtime worked and paid on a biweekly basis. Cumulative records are maintained by the Payroll Office and available to employees upon request.

VIII. COMPLIANCE, LICENSURE, AND TESTING

A. The Clinical Laboratories at Parnassus, Mount Zion, and China Basin are appropriately licensed and in compliance with all rules and regulations as required by Federal, State (California), Local (San Francisco) and Accrediting (College of American Pathologists) Agencies. Applicable state and local requirements include but not limited to items below as noted in CAP General Checklist - GEN. 20374; edition 06/17/2010:

NOTE: Applicable state and local requirements may include but are not limited to the following areas: handling radioactive materials, shipping infectious or diagnostic materials, personnel qualifications, retention of specimens and records, hazardous waste disposal, fire codes, medical examiner or coroner jurisdiction, legal testing, acceptance of specimens only from authorized personnel, handling controlled substances, patient consent for testing, confidentiality of test results, and donation of blood. The checklists contain specific questions on these areas.

B. Only appropriately licensed personnel [e.g. Clinical Laboratory Scientists (CLS)] are authorized to: review and verify analytic results; perform calibration procedures and clinical laboratory tests and examination classified as high complexity under CLIA.

C. Individuals with a limited clinical laboratory scientist license (e.g. Clinical Chemist Scientist, Clinical Microbiologist Scientist, etc) are authorized to perform only CLIA defined, high complexity clinical laboratory tests and examinations, in their specialty/subspecialty.

D. Unlicensed personnel (i.e. individuals without a current CLS license, e.g. Laboratory Technicians/ Assistants) cannot perform or verify a clinical laboratory test or examination (refer to California Business and Professions Code, section 1269, for details regarding restricted duties and activities of unlicensed personnel in a Clinical Laboratory setting).

E. Unlicensed personnel (i.e. individuals without a current CLS license, e.g. Laboratory Technicians/ Assistants) are allowed to: enter patient demographic data, order and accession test procedures, verify specimen collection, accession and transcribe (but not record) patient results. The ‘recording’ of test results is not permitted by the State of California.

F. The transcription and computer entry of analytic results by Laboratory Technicians/ Assistants are limited to results that have been previously reviewed and verified with signature release, by appropriately licensed personnel (e.g. CLS).

IX. COMPUTER USE AND SECURITY

General Policies:

A. Any patient data or records are confidential and may not be revealed to unauthorized persons, agencies, or institutions without the written consent of the patient. Any questions or concerns regarding authorization or release of patient information should be brought to the attention of a supervisor, resident, or appropriate medical staff.
B. UCSF computer systems contain confidential medical record and patient account information that is only accessible to authorized users. It is your responsibility as an authorized user to protect the confidentiality of patient information and data to which you have access.

C. The accessing of patient data is restricted to only what is required to perform job duties.

D. Any record with patient information or data is to be disposed of in the appropriate waste container.

E. There shall be no discussion of any patient information in public areas.

F. Computer log-in and password codes are for your personal use only and are not to be given to others for use. Likewise, you are not to use another person’s log-in or password code.

G. You are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the computer system. Any knowledge of the altering, deleting, damaging, or destroying of a computer’s data, program, system, or network is to be brought to the attention of a supervisor or computer staff.

H. The computer is not for personal use, nor for the conducting of personal electronic mail (i.e., e-mail) messages, or accessing the World Wide Web (e.g. "surfing the web") for information that is not work related.

I. For further information and guidance regarding issues on privacy and communication, refer to the Medical Center Electronic Communication policy, available at URL: www.ucop.edu/ucophome/policies/ec/

Laboratory Information System (LIS):

J. The LIS is considered a component of the UCSF Medical Center Information System and only accessible to authorized UCSF employees, staff and faculty.

K. The LIS contains patient data and laboratory results that are part of the patient's medical records. It is therefore your responsibility as an authorized user of the LIS to protect the confidentiality of patient information and data including laboratory results.

L. Because LIVE patient data is in the TEST side of MYSIS, staff should be careful when selecting patients for purposes of testing. Use obvious ‘patients’ that are specifically created for testing purposes (i.e. “TEST patient”). Avoid using LIVE patients when testing.

M. The MYSIS Mail feature is NOT for personal use, nor for conducting communications or messages that are personal in nature. Employees are to restrict the use of Sunquest Mail for work and communication of work and laboratory related information only. Adherence to this policy will be enforced and repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

N. Only laboratory supervisors or other individuals with specific authorization are allowed to change a result once entered and verified (Note: this does not alter the "paper trail" of a corrected result), submit patient charges and credits, modify laboratory system tables or programs, or perform system administrative procedures.

O. The use of the laboratory computer related to the testing, crossmatching, and issuing of blood or blood products is restricted to the staff of the Blood Bank and other specifically authorized licensed individuals (e.g., CLS).

X. TELEPHONE USAGE

A. It is permissible to receive and make local calls of brief duration

B. There is limited use of cellular telephones and wireless communication devices in the Medical Center. Patient care areas where cell phones and wireless devices are not allowed
XI. EMPLOYEE HEALTH

A. Every hospital employee is required to undergo a physical examination by Employee Health Services before being hired. In addition, employees may be required to undergo additional examinations for the protection of either patients or themselves. Supervisors will notify employees to make the necessary appointments with Employee Health. Employees should schedule examinations within one month of notice. Any problems in scheduling appointments must immediately be brought to the supervisor’s attention.

B. All employees are covered under the Worker’s Compensation Insurance Program for work-incurred injuries or illness. Employee Health is responsible for fulfilling all reporting requirements of occupational injuries or illness to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA).

1. If an employee is injured on the job and the injury IS an emergency, the employee should go directly to the ED and notify the supervisor afterwards as soon as possible. Instructions on handling work-incurred injury (e.g. needlestick, body fluid splash or laceration) are outlined in the Emergency Conditions and Basic Staff Response Chart. If necessary, the supervisor will make arrangements to assist an employee to the Emergency Department (ED).

2. If an employee is injured on the job and the injury is not an emergency, the employee must notify his or her supervisor immediately. This includes ergonomics related injuries.
   a. The supervisor shall direct the employee to contact the Medical Center Occupational Health Services at (415)885-7580. However, in accordance with the Medical Center Worker’s Compensation Policy, an employee can designate in writing to Employee Health that he/she elects to treat with said physician in case of a work-related illness or injury.
   b. The supervisor shall ensure that the “Workers’ Compensation Checklist” is given to the employee and includes directions to Employee Health Services. Information about the Family and Medical Leave Act should be provided as necessary.

XII. INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

A. ERGONOMICS Program

1. The Clinical Laboratories Ergonomics Program operates under the umbrella policy of the Medical Center. A complete description of the Medical Center’s Program including policy, authorities, responsibilities, implementation, etc. is outlined in the Medical Center’s Environment of Care Manual, ‘Ergonomics’ tab.

2. The Medical Center’s Environment of Care Committee through the Ergonomic Task Force directs the Ergonomics Program of the Medical Center. The Ergonomic Task Force is multi-disciplinary and is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

3. The Medical Center’s Ergonomic Program consists of:
   - Identifying high-risk activities that result in repetitive motion injuries;
• Evaluating workstation environments and identifying cost effective interventions to reduce injuries;
• Implementing interventions to reduce severity and number of injuries;
• Training department managers and employees on: risk factors that contribute to work injuries; work practices and equipment that can minimize injuries and requirements of the Program;
• Tracking and trending the Program’s effectiveness.

4. Medical Center ergonomic evaluations are preformed by Employee Health Services. Supervisors can contact the Ergonomics Program Manager at Employee Health (353-7820) for a formal evaluation of work activities or workstations.

5. Employees are to review handout (see attachment): ERGONOMICS IN THE LAB for background information and guidelines on safe preventive practices in the laboratory.

6. Throughout the work day, employees are to:
   • Alternate work/rest cycles
   • Vary work tasks
   • Avoid static posture
   • Avoid awkward positions and motions
   • Perform postural stretches and exercises
   • Walk and move around

7. Employees are to report to their section’s ergonomics representative or supervisor, work activities that may contribute to a repetitive motion injury or other musculoskeletal-related disorder.

8. Employees are to report to their Supervisor any work or work-incurred injury including repetitive motion discomfort and schedule an appointment with Employee Health.

B. LATEX Program

1. The Medical Center’s Latex Allergy Policy is to provide a latex safe environment and reduce latex exposure for patients and employees. Goals include: early identification and establishing guidelines for patients and employees with latex allergies.

2. The Medical Center’s Environment of Care Committee directs the Latex Program of the Medical Center. The Environment of Care Committee through the Incident and Illness Review subcommittee and the Latex Task Force develop, implement, and evaluate the Latex Allergy Policy.

3. The Medical Center’s Material Services Department retains a compendium of hospital latex products and non-latex substitutes and ensures that only non-latex gloves are supplied to the hospital.

4. The Medical Center’s Purchasing Department makes every effort to purchase items that do not contain latex, including hospital equipment and furniture.

5. The Clinical Laboratories provides hypoallergenic, non-latex and powder-free gloves for staff use; Blood Products are prepared as latex safe as possible.
6. Laboratory-wide introduction of any new product, non-latex included, will be through The Clinical Laboratories Personal Protective Equipment Committee (PPEC). Description of the committee is described in the Infection Control Policy.

7. As a general policy, latex allergies when identified will be discussed in PPEC meeting and an alternate product will be substituted.

8. Employees with acute, systemic symptoms are to go to the ED for treatment.

9. Employees with localized and non-acute symptoms or suspects a latex allergy are to schedule an appointment with Employee Health Services.

10. Employees are to complete annually, the Annual Safety Review online at Medical Center website: https://learningcenter.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/. The Annual Safety Review includes latex allergy awareness, overview of the hospital latex policy, glove use and skin care.

11. Employee Health screens newly hired employees for latex allergies.

12. Newly hired employees are to attend EH&S’ Annual Safety Review as part of their pre-employment orientation.

13. EH&S on Campus can be notified to evaluate a workplace if latex is suspected to be a problem.

C. HEARING PROTECTION Program

1. Excessive noise levels will be identified, monitored and remediation made to correct hearing loss or damage.

2. Employees are to report to their Supervisor excessive noise levels in their work area (e.g. when shouting is necessary to be audible in ordinary conversation).

3. Supervisors are to complete a Clinical Lab Problem Report Form when excessive noise is reported in their work area.

4. QA will tabulate and report findings in the quarterly Lab QI Meeting along with other safety issues and concerns.

XIII. SAFETY POLICIES AND FDA MEDICAL DEVICE REPORTING

A. The number to call is 9 + 911 for any emergency (e.g. fire, life/safety, chemical spill, etc).

B. Smoking is prohibited on Campus, including the Medical Center.

C. All employees receive annual safety training that includes instruction on use of fire and safety equipment. Training and instruction is online at Medical Center website: https://learningcenter.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/

D. Annual Infection Control training is required for employees: who have direct patient contact, work in a UCSF Hospital, or perform duties that require periodic visits to locations where patient care is conducted. Training is online at Medical Center website: https://learningcenter.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/ Refer to Clinical Lab Infection Control Policy, section “Annual Infection Control Training” for details.

E. Employees receive additional safety training as applicable to job duties and tasks that can include: ‘Formaldehyde Training’, ‘Laboratory Fume Hood Safety Training’, ‘Liquid Nitrogen Training’, and ‘Safe Shipping Training’, accessible at ‘Research Online’ on EH&S
website: http://www.ehs.ucsf.edu/ Refer to Clinical Lab Chemical Hygiene Plan or Infection Control Policy for details. All EH&S training modules are password protected.

F. New employees receive safety instruction at the time of hire and annually thereafter.

G. Do not use fire or life saving equipment other then its intended use (i.e. do not use automatic fire extinguishers (AFE) to hang ornaments or decorative items; do not use a fire extinguisher as a door opener, etc).

H. Do not block overhead automatic fire extinguishers (AFE) (i.e. sprinkler heads). Maintain at least an 18-inch clearance radius.

I. Do not block corridors, aisles and exits.

J. Keep corridors, aisles and exits free of clutter.

K. Do not block access to fire extinguishers. Maintain at least a 3-feet clearance.

L. Place paper items in a plastic sleeve before posting on bulletin boards.

M. China Basin: To minimize the noise level during the evacuation process, earplugs are provided for Staff and earmuffs for Suite Searchers/ Monitors. Neither earplugs nor earmuffs are to be worn in lieu of evacuation. All staff must evacuate upon activation of the fire alarm.

N. Employees are encouraged to communicate to their Supervisor, or Laboratory Administration, any laboratory or patient safety concern. This includes any concern and/or issue related to test quality or quality of test results affecting patient safety.

O. Employees can report test quality or patient safety concerns; or quality-of-care issues in any of the following ways. Reporting can be anonymous. There will be no punitive action taken for reporting any quality/safety issue and/or concern:

1. To your Supervisor.

2. On a (Clinical Lab) ‘Problem Report Form’ available in your section. Refer to procedure ‘Problem Report, Guide For Use By Clinical Laboratory Staff’, in your section for details and reporting instructions. The Problem Report Form is circulated and reviewed by Section Supervisors, Quality Assurance, and Laboratory Administration

3. To the Medical Center Safety Officer Matt Carlson by calling 885-3538.

4. To the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at 476-1300.

5. On an ‘Employee Safety Information Form’ located in the back of the Environment of Care (EOC) Manual. This form can be completed anonymously for the reporting of a safety concern to the Medical Center’s Safety Office/ Safety Officer.

6. To the College of American Pathologists (CAP) at 1-866-236-7212 for any test quality or a safety issue. The dedicated, confidential telephone number is also noted on the sign posted at each laboratory site (Parnassus, China Basin and Mount Zion).

7. The Joint Commission (TJC) at 1-800- 994-6610.

8. Regarding Personnel Protective Equipment (e.g. gloves, protective shields, goggles, etc): Suggestions on new or replacement items should first be brought to the attention of your section’s Personnel Protective Equipment Committee (PPEC) Representative. Because of need for standardization, introduction of safety equipment is handled lab-wide. If you don’t know the name of your section’s PPEC representative, ask your Supervisor.
P. Employees are to be aware of the Safe Medical Devices Act (SMDA), requesting voluntary reporting to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), of any medical device causing or contributing to a patient's death or serious injury. The suspect medical device (to include laboratory instruments, reagents, devices related to phlebotomy, specimen collection, etc) is to be reported on FDA Form 3500A (or an electronic equivalent). Should there be a need to report a medical device to the FDA, refer to Clinical Lab procedure titled ‘Problem Report, Guide For Use By Clinical Laboratory Staff” for instructions. To report an unsafe medical device online through MedWatch Consumer reporting, the FDA URL is: http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report/consumer/consumer.htm

Q. All employees are required to read: FDA document “Medical Device Reporting for User Facilities” AND Clinical Lab ‘Problem Report, Guide For Use By Clinical Laboratory Staff”. Employees are to sign the 3rd page of ‘Clinical Lab Problem Report Guide…” upon completion. Signed documents are retained in the respective sections.

R. Parnassus and Mount Zion: Fire Drills are scheduled by the department of EH&S on Campus and conducted by the Medical Center's Security Department for patient care areas. Non-patient care areas (e.g. Clinical Labs) are to complete a Fire Drill Observer's Report upon request by Campus Fire Marshall/ Hospital Security/ or Hospital Safety Committee Member.

At Parnassus and Mount Zion, Clinical Laboratory staff is charged with completing the Fire Drill Observer’s Report. EH&S evaluates each Fire Drill Report and is the repository of all completed forms.

China Basin: Fire Drills at China Basin are organized, conducted and follow the schedule established by the property manager of China Basin Landing.

S. Disaster drills are scheduled and conducted by the Medical Center's Hospital Disaster Control Team who evaluates each drill and retains all completed forms.

T. Upon activation of Code Triage (Disaster): 1). A Laboratory Unit Leader is identified at Parnassus, 2). Employees & Staff at Parnassus, Mount Zion, and China Basin are to follow policies and procedures in the Clinical Labs Disaster Plan and 3). Employees & Staff at China Basin will provide the necessary back-up (including staffing) as/ where needed.

U. Upon activation of Code Triage (Disaster), the Parnassus Blood Bank generally functions as the Laboratory Disaster Control Center. Should Parnassus Blood Bank be unable to assume the role as the Laboratory Disaster Control Center, a Blood Bank Supervisor can request assistance from Supervisor(s) in another section. All laboratory sections are to complete the appropriate disaster forms (including drills) and submit completed forms to the Laboratory Unit Leader. The Laboratory Unit Leader will submit completed disaster forms to the Medical Center’s Disaster Control Center.

V. The Medical Center’s Department of Clinical Engineering and Facilities Management performs preventive maintenance and function checks on laboratory instrument, equipment and cold units that are not separately contracted by the individual sections. To ensure uninterrupted, scheduled service checks (before initial use, after repair or modification, and when a problem is suspected), Section Supervisors are to notify the Clinical Laboratory QA office at time of initial purchase or at time of replacement.

W. Preventive maintenance records and function checks are reviewed and signed by the Laboratory Director or Designee.

X. Employees are to review at least annually the following safety and compliance policies of the Medical Center and the Clinical Laboratories, and be familiar with their responsibilities. Copies are available in all laboratory sections:
1. Environment of Care Manual (including attachments)
2. Clinical Laboratories Infection Control Policy
4. Clinical Laboratories Disaster Plan (Triage/NBC, Large Patient Influx, Utility Failure & Evacuation) including attachments.
5. Clinical Laboratories Compliance Program Overview (and take a quiz upon completion).

Y. Employees are also required to review at least annually safety policies, practices and/or location of safety equipment in their work area. This review organized by their section Supervisor or safety representative. This review can be presented in a form of a quiz or use of an Annual Safety Checklist.

Z. Emergency Announcements

Employees are to refer to the Rainbow Chart for detailed definitions and responses. Abbreviated descriptions are as follows:

- **Code Blue** = Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest; only Code Blue Team respond- others stay away.
- **Code Dry** = Water Shortage; conserve immediately; do not flush toilets; triple bag human waste with red colored bags. Call Environmental Services for more red colored bags if needed: 353-1283 (24hrs); 443-3657 (24hrs pager for Moffitt/Long)
- **Code Grey** = Stay away; Security Incident; only trained personnel to respond.
- **Code IT** = Interruption of IT related system. Staff is to call 885-7828 (885-STAT) for more information.
- **Code Pink** = Suspect Infant Abduction; check stairwells; push elevator buttons; report suspicious persons with baby (or bundle) by calling 9+911.
- **Code Purple** = Suspect Child Abduction; check stairwells, elevators, exits; report suspicious person(s) by calling 9+911.
- **Code Red** = Fire; respond at fire’s origin with R.A.C.E.; if away from fire’s origin, listen for further instructions.
- **Code Triage** = Influx of patients due to emergency or disaster; refer to Clinical Labs Disaster Plan; Call 885-STAT (or 1-800-873-8232) for disaster updates.
- **Code Triage/NBC** = Large influx of patients due to Nuclear, Biologic, or Chemical event. Refer to Clinical Labs Disaster Plan. Call 885-STAT (or 1-800-873-8232) for disaster updates.
- **Code Silver** = Armed or threatening intruder comes onto UCSF Medical Center; staff in the immediate area should secure area and contact authorities (UCSF Police – 9+911, UCSF Medical Center Security – 885-7890)
- **Defend-in-Place** = Do not evacuate.
- **Evacuate to Nearest Area of Refuge** = Evacuate from fire’s origin beyond fire doors (Hospital buildings only)
- **Facilities Mobilization** = Facility, building, or utility failure(s). Listen for overhead instructions. Refer to Clinical Labs Disaster Plan if needed.
• **Operation Exit - Alert Stage** = Evacuation possible; begin planning.

• **Operation Exit - Non-Urgent Stage** = Evacuate patients who can be moved; Staff remains with patients who cannot be moved.

• **Operation Exit - Immediate Stage** = Evacuate immediately; disaster imminent.

• **Shelter-in-Place** = Stay in building - environmental hazard outside (biologic or chemical agent); Close all doors and windows; Close/shut all chemical/fume hoods that vent to the outside. Biologic hoods can be used if NOT vented to the outside. Building ventilation will be turned off.

AA. **Fire**

1. The overhead announcement for fire alarm activation is “Code Red” followed by location (of fire).

2. Employee response to a fire at fire’s origin is **R-A-C-E**:
   
   - **R** = **Remove** those in danger;
   - **A** = **Announce**: Pull fire alarm and call 9 + 911.
   - **C** = **Contain**: Close all doors and windows; stuff towels or other materials in the space under the door to prevent smoke from entering your area.
   - **E** = **Extinguish/Evacuate**: *extinguish* if safe to do so and only if fire is smaller than size of a small trash can; *evacuate* laterally to nearest area of refuge beyond fire doors; do NOT use elevators at fire’s origin.

3. When a fire is NOT at fire’s origin, employees are to:
   
   a. Listen for (overhead) announcements and instructions;
   
   b. Listen for Facilities Mobilization announcements (facility, building and/or utility failures);
   
   c. If Facilities Mobilization is announced, follow instructions in Rainbow Chart
   
   d. If evacuation is announced, follow Clinical Laboratories Disaster Plan (Triage/NBC, Large Patient Influx, Utility Failure & Evacuation).

BB. **Fire Extinguisher/ Fire Hose**

1. As a general policy by the Campus Fire Marshall, use of a fire hose is restricted to appropriately trained fire-fighters (e.g. San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) firefighter).

2. Fire extinguishers are monitored and maintained by UCSF Campus Facilities Management Department (x6-1971).

3. When a fire extinguisher is used:
   
   a. Stand six to eight (6-8) feet away from the fire.
   
   b. Follow the acronym **P-A-S-S**:
      
      - **P** = **Pull** the pin firmly to break the plastic lock/ring.
      - **A** = **Aim** the hose or nozzle at the base of the fire.
      - **S** = **Squeeze** the handle completely to release the extinguishing agent.
      - **S** = **Sweep** the hose or nozzle from side to side at the base of the fire.
c. Notify UCSF Campus Fire Marshall (x6-0570) or UCSF EHS Department (x6-1300).

d. Notify UCSF Campus Facilities Management (x6-1971) for a replacement.

4. A fire extinguisher IS safe for use when:
   a. Extinguisher is appropriately charged at 195 psi (pointer in green area of metered dial)
   b. A Service Tag from the State Fire Marshall is attached and regular maintenance was performed (monthly check; annual service; 6 year tear down)
   c. Metal pin has NOT been pulled
   d. Pin seal (plastic ring) has NOT been broken

5. A fire extinguisher is NOT safe for use when:
   a. Fire extinguisher is under/ overcharged and pointer reads outside 195 psi (red area in metered dial)
   b. Metal Pin has been pulled
   c. Pin seal (plastic ring) has been broken

6. Employees are NOT to use a fire extinguisher when:
   a. Fire is larger than the size of a small trash can
   b. You are alone
   c. You have a history of back injury
   d. You have an upper respiratory infection including cold or asthma
   e. You have used the entire contents from one extinguisher and need to get a second extinguisher

7. Employees are to contact the UCSF Campus Facilities Plant (x6-2021) for any fire extinguisher issues including service/ repair / replacement.

8. An alternate contact for any fire extinguisher issues including service/ repair/ replacement is the UCSF Campus Fire Marshall (x6-0570).

CC. Electrical Safety - Do's and Don'ts

1. Electrical Do:
   a. Inspect equipment periodically and report suspect conditions to your supervisor
   b. Replace frayed cords and damaged or split insulation
   c. Use power strips or power supplies designed to accommodate computer or other sensitive instrument and equipment from power surges.
   d. Be alert for equipment that is not functioning normally or to wiring, cords or equipment emitting smoke, excessive heat or odors. Unplug any faulty equipment and label unit with an appropriate warning sign (attach red repair tag, if available) and call Clinical Engineering for service. For automated instruments/ instruments under a separate service contract, call the number noted in your section.

   • Parnassus or China Basin: 353-1727 (x 3-1727)
 UNIVERISTY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO, CLINICAL LABORATORIES
PERSONNEL POLICIES
Version 2.3; In-Use 9/13/2013

- Mount Zion: 475-7576 (x 5-7576)

2. **Electrical Don't:**
   a. Do not use extension cords to replace permanent wiring.
   b. Do not insert adapters to outlets, which result in circuit overload.
   c. Do not continue using equipment that is faulty, not operating normally or is emitting excessive heat or odor.
   d. Do not use equipment with frayed cords.

**DD. Radiation Safety**

1. The USNRC (U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission) -an independent federal agency - regulates and oversees the nuclear safety program, including the radioactive materials used in nuclear medicine. The USNRC ‘Standards for Protection Against Radiation’ - rules and regulations on occupational dose limits, labeling, waste disposal, etc. - are posted in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 20 (10CFR, part 20), and accessible online at URL: [http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part020/](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part020/)

2. California’s requirements on radiation are posted in California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 5 (17 CCR). California references and follows the regulatory requirements of the USNRC (noted above).

3. EH&S is charged with and responsible for licensure and the Radiation Safety Program at UCSF: Campus, Medical Centers at Parnassus and Mount Zion, and ancillary sites and locations. Clinical Labs operate under the aegis of EH&S and the Radiation Safety Program. The EH&S ‘Radiation Safety Manual’ is accessible online at URL: [http://www.ehs.ucsf.edu/Manuals/oehsManuals.asp](http://www.ehs.ucsf.edu/Manuals/oehsManuals.asp)

4. The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) & Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) at UCSF are regulatory mandates and conditions of licensure. The RSO, RSS, and RSC develop policies and procedures, provide oversight, and ensure safe work practices and compliance with regulatory requirements on use, handling, labeling, waste disposal, occupational dose limits, etc.

5. EH&S Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and/or Radiation Safety Specialists (RSS): develop training material, provide employee training when needed, and determine frequency of re-training.

6. Regulations prohibit the release of patient samples to the laboratory if radiation levels of samples exceed occupational dose limits. The RSO and RSS oversee that process and ensure compliance.

7. Due to Homeland Security, several panic buttons have been installed at Parnassus for Blood Bank’s irradiator: four (4) in Blood Bank and one (1) in Central Processing. Anyone observing the tampering of (or suspicious activities surrounding) Blood Bank’s irradiator is to push the panic button which notifies the UCSF Police.

**Radioisotopes in the Laboratory**

a. Blood Bank employees working with the irradiators are to follow specific policies and procedures on use and handling in that section.

b. Microbiology employees handling the tritium standard are to follow specific policies and procedures of that section and those of relevance in The Radiation
Safety Manual from the department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) on Campus.

c. On an infrequent basis, patient samples will arrive in the lab with a yellow radiation label and noted as containing radioactive Iodine-131. Upon receipt, all staff handling those samples are to follow EH&S written procedure (dated 4/2009): ‘Instructions on Handling Blood Samples Labeled as Radioactive I-131’ and if any, related procedures and/or instructions from your supervisor.

EE. Ultraviolet (UV) Light

1. Protect eyes and skin form sources emitting UV rays.

2. UV protective eyewear is to be worn when there is, or potential of, UV light exposure to the eyes.

3. Do NOT use/turn on UV light when a Bio-Safety hood is in use.

4. It is safe to use/turn on UV light in a Bio-Safety hood when the hood is not longer in use, and (hood) sash is lowered to the closed position.

XIV. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Clinical Laboratories supports and participates in the Medical Center’s Affirmative Action Plan. The Administrative Director is the Affirmative Action Coordinator for the Clinical Laboratories and may be contacted by employees for information.

XV. EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT/EDUCATION

A. If the department requires an employee’s participation in educational or training programs, the department will bear the expense and will consider time spent in participation as time worked.

B. Employees may be given time off to attend other campus or department-sponsored educational events, if the supervisor in charge of the section agrees that attendance is warranted and that workload will not be adversely affected. Release to attend these events will be at the discretion of the supervisor.

C. Each section of the Clinical Laboratories shall establish a system to document the continuing education activities of its staff. Attendance lists at continuing education seminars and section logs of attendance at off-campus programs are examples of such systems. It is the responsibility of the employee to notify their supervisors and provide evidence of attendance at these activities.

D. Employees may discuss career advancement plans with their supervisor. If scheduling and resources permit, the employee may be given time with or without pay to participate in an educational program. Such programs must be part of an overall career development plan.

E. University employees are responsible for financing their own education and for using personal time off when the goal is to change occupations, and/or when the educational endeavors are related to re-licensure or self-development.

F. Payment of dues, registration fees, etc., by the Clinical Laboratories must be cleared in advance with the supervisor, and will be available only as resources permit.

XVI. PUBLIC IMAGE
Frequent or constant contact with patients, physicians, and non-laboratory employees places an important obligation upon the Clinical Laboratories to present the hospital and laboratories in a professional manner. A complete and detailed description of Medical Center standards on Service Excellence/Everyday PRIDE, is accessible online at URL:
http://serviceexcellence/everyday_PRIDE/

A. Employees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner with patients, visitors, physicians, other hospital personnel, co-workers and supervisors (refer to ‘Professionalism’ in ‘Everyday PRIDE’, URL noted above)

B. Employees are expected to be courteous when addressing staff, patients, and visitors directly or on the phone. Telephones should be answered “Clinical Laboratories (or section name). This is ….speaking. May I help you?” (refer to ‘On The Telephone’ in Service Excellence/Everyday PRIDE, for the complete description of Medical Center telephone standards)

C. An Employee’s personal appearance must reflect professionalism
1. Personnel with patient contact must wear a buttoned lab coat or appropriate uniform.
2. UCSF Medical Center photo identification badges MUST be worn above the waist and must be clearly visible.
3. The dress code applies to all employees (Parnassus, China Basin, Mount Zion) and must be neat, clean and appropriate for the work place. Per Medical Center policy, unacceptable dress includes items such as sheer garments, halter or tank tops, oversized or baggy garments, garments designed to be worn as athletic gear, such as leggings or spandex pants. Blue jeans, and apparel containing phrases or pictures unrelated to the professional environment of the Medical Center are also unacceptable. Shoes must be safe, clean, in good repair and appropriate for the work to be performed. Thongs and bare feet are not acceptable.
4. Lab Administrators and Sr. Supervisors will address any questions regarding appropriateness of attire (see Employee Dress Standards, Human Resources Policy 4.03.04 for additional guidelines). The policy is accessible online in the Medical Center Administrative Manual at URL:
http://manuals.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/AdminManual/IndividualPolicies/EmployeeDressSt andards.PDF

D. A professional environment must be maintained. Radios should not be played at high volume and must not be audible to telephone callers. Radios should not be played in any area open to the public or where direct interaction with non-laboratory personnel such as physicians and nurses takes place (e.g., at Central Processing). Personal headsets related to Walkman and similar devices may not be worn on the job except during break periods. TV’s may not be used in any laboratory area except as part of an educational training activity sponsored by the laboratory.

XVII. HOSPITAL SECURITY

In order to maintain adequate security within the hospital for staff, patients and their families, the following policies shall be enforced.

A. Name badges are worn and visible at all times during work hours. These badges should be kept available by the employee at all times, even when off work, since after 10PM and before 6AM, or in case of an area-wide emergency, these badges will be necessary to gain admittance to the Medical Center.
B. Unattended storage areas should be locked when not in use. Doors should not be wedged open or otherwise obstructed to prevent their closing. Keys for all common storage areas are available:

1. At Parnassus: 24 hours a day, either from a supervisor or at the front desk or Blood Bank Front Desk.
2. At Mount Zion: from the supervisor or at the front desk.
3. At China Basin: from your supervisor (if needed).

C. Laboratory staff should be alert for strangers in the Clinical Laboratories areas. Non-hospital personnel should be asked if they need assistance and their reason for being in the area should be ascertained. House standards shall be maintained while making these inquiries.

D. Isolated or security sensitive areas of the Clinical Laboratories have been equipped with punch-button security locks. For the security of the personnel working in these areas, the codes for these locks should be kept confidential and not revealed to non-departmental personnel.

E. Supervisors and employees should be familiar with their responsibilities for all code alerts and emergency announcements at the Medical Center.

F. Personal belongings and laboratory property should be properly secured. The Medical Center is open to the public at all hours, and theft is a major problem. Do not leave your wallet or purse unattended, and lock all rooms not in use.

XVIII. EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Current Clinical Laboratory employees may be eligible for two yearly awards that recognize exceptional service and performance in their jobs.

A. The “Chancellor’s Award for University Service” recognizes employees who have provided many years of exceptional service. Nominations, usually requested in September, can be made by employees but must be approved by the supervisor and endorsed by the Laboratory Medical Director. Up to 15 awards are presented at a November ceremony. Those selected receive a UCSF medallion, a framed certificate, and a check for $1,000. To be eligible, the employee must have been at the top of the salary range for five years or longer and have not received this award or the special Performance Award in the last three years. In addition, the employee must have shown exceptional job performance with two supporting letters from peers.

B. The “Special Performance Award” is awarded annually for exceptional job performance to UCSF Medical Center employees who have been at the maximum of the salary range for their job classification for one year or longer and have not received the Chancellor’s Award within the last 23 months.

The number and size of the awards are subject to the availability of funds and may vary year-to-year. Nominations can be made by any employee, but must be approved by the appropriate supervisor and the Laboratory Medical Director. All nominees will be evaluated based on a combination of their job performance and criteria outlined in nomination packets.

XIX. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Every employee shall be given a copy of his/her current job description to read and sign when first hired and whenever these duties change. Each employee is expected to read and clarify with their
supervisor any description of standards or tasks they do not understand. Employees should sign the Information Checklist upon receipt of their job description.

XX. CLINICAL LABS PERSONNEL POLICIES
A. New employees shall be given their own copy of the Clinical Lab Personnel Policies.
B. The receipt of the Personnel Policies is acknowledged when the employee signs the Information Checklist for New Employees.

XXI. MISCELLANEOUS
A. Laboratory tests are not performed free of charge for staff (including physicians), laboratory employees, family members, or pets.
B. Children are not allowed in any laboratory area without the approval of the Clinical Laboratory Medical Director.
C. The photocopy machine is to be used for laboratory or Medical Center business only.
D. The peddling of merchandise and tickets is forbidden by Medical Center policy. Request such salesman to leave immediately, and telephone Medical Center Security’s 24hr number (885-7890) if they do not promptly do so.
E. Employees and staff are not to accept gifts of retail value exceeding $25.00 from current or prospective vendors.
F. Accidents resulting in property damage are to be reported to a Supervisor.

XXII. RESIGNATION
Resignations should be submitted in writing at least 15 calendar days before the intended day of termination and, when possible, thirty (30) calendar days for personnel.

XXIII. MISSION STATEMENT, STANDARDS, MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS
A. UCSF MEDICAL CENTER:
   MISSION STATEMENT: Caring, Healing, Teaching, Discovering
   VISION: To Be The Best Provider Of Health Care Services, The Best Place To Work, And The Best Environment For Teaching and Research.
   VALUES: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence (P.R.I.D.E):
The Medical Center Mission, Vision, Values Policy 1.02.01 is accessible online at URL:
B. CLINICAL LABORATORY MISSION STATEMENT: To provide accurate, timely laboratory data and clinical consultation to the patients and staff of the institution and to promote the education of clinical laboratory science.

XXIV. ATTACHMENTS
A. Annual Safety Checklist
B. Clinical Labs Problem Report Form
C. ERGONOMICS IN THE LAB
D. Ergonomic Evaluation Form