

CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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	<p>The following reflects the findings of the Department of Public Health during the investigation of COMPLAINT NO: CA00141168</p> <p>Inspection was limited to the specific complaint(s) investigated and does not represent the findings of a full inspection of the facility.</p> <p>Representing the Department of Public Health: [REDACTED], HFEN.</p> <p>HSC 1280.1 (a) HSC Section 1280</p> <p>1280.1 (a) If a licensee of a health facility licensed under subdivision (a), (b), or (f) of Section 1250 receives a notice of deficiency constituting an immediate jeopardy to the health or safety of a patient and is required to submit a plan of correction, the department may assess the licensee an administrative penalty in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per violation.</p> <p>c) For purposes of this section "immediate jeopardy" means a situation in which the licensee's noncompliance with one or more requirements of licensure has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury or death to the patient.</p> <p>DEFICIENCY CONSTITUTING IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY</p> <p>T22 DIV5 ART3-70223(b)(2) Surgical Service General Requirements</p> <p>(b) A committee of the medical staff shall be</p>			

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	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>assigned responsibility for:</p> <p>(2) Development, maintenance and implementation of written policies and procedures in consultation with other appropriate health professionals and administration. Polices shall be approved by the governing body. Procedures shall be approved by the administration and medical staff where such is appropriate.</p> <p>This REGULATION: is not met as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the nurse and anesthesiologist did not verify the surgery site with Patient #1 in the OR, the surgical procedure was written on the surgical count board prior to the time out, and the patient's history and physical were not reviewed during the time out. The hospital failed to follow their universal policy and procedure to prevent wrong site surgery being performed on the wrong knee for Patient #1.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>On 3/3/08, review of the hospital's policy and procedure titled "Universal Protocol to Prevent Wrong Person, Procedure, Site Operations And/or Procedures" showed the nurse and anesthesiologist would verify the correct person, procedure and site and this would occur with the patient's involvement in the OR suite if possible. The policy and procedure also showed the nurse confirms the consent, history and physical, and surgery schedule for accuracy during the time out. Additionally, the policy and procedure showed the</p>			

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