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OPERATING POLICY

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SUBJECT:	PHYSICIAN AID IN DYING	EFFECTIVE:	08/2022
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PURPOSE:

LLUMC-M is a Christian health care institution committed to providing integrative care that attends to the multifaceted needs of persons at every stage of life, including the end of life.

All human life deserves respect and protection. Every reasonable effort should be made to support, comfort, and safeguard human life in its wholeness. When caring for persons who are dying, it is essential to act with compassion in ways that respect human life, preserve trust in the patient-physician relationship, honor patient choices, and provide the fullest possible relief from pain and suffering. Patients and their families should be treated truthfully, fairly, and with careful attention to personal expressions of preferences.

1. The primary goal of care for patients who are terminally ill is the most effective possible alleviation of pain and suffering in affirmation of the patient's life. This requires thoughtful consideration of the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of patients.
2. LLUMC-M does not participate in Physician Aid In Dying. Accordingly, LLUMC-M will not knowingly admit patients for the purpose of Physician Aid In Dying. Patients shall be informed of this policy if they make a request of Physician Aid In Dying and will be given information about their options by designated individuals.
3. If a terminally ill patient requests assistance according to California's End of Life Option Act, every reasonable measure that might help to alleviate the underlying causes for the request shall be explored.

3.1 An End of Life Review will include the patient, a representative from the patient's

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physician, Administration, and Ethics.

3.2 An End of Life Review will be triggered by a patient request for assistance according to California's End of Life Option Act. A written report of the End of Life Review will be made by the Ethics consultant and will be part of the patient's medical record.

4. If a terminally ill patient admitted to LLUMC-M continues to request Physician Aid In Dying, a referral shall be provided.

APPROVERS: Executive Committee, LLUMC-M Board, LLUMC-M Chief Executive Officer, LLUMC-M Chief Nursing Officer, LLUMC-M Hospital Cabinet, LLUMC-M Sr. VP/Administrator, MEC