


Name of Policy: <u>Use of Cafeteria by Patients</u> Policy Number: 3364-104-309 Department: Food & Nutrition Approving Officer: Director, Food & Nutrition Responsible Agent: Director, Food & Nutrition Scope: Food & Nutrition	 Effective Date: 6/2/2008 Initial Effective Date: 8/2002
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(A) Policy Statement

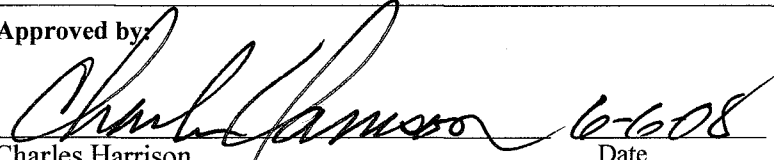
Food and Nutrition Services does not encourage the use of cafeteria for patient meal service, however, it does not interfere with family members who obtain food at their own expense.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To define the role of the hospital cafeteria in providing patient meals.

(C) Procedure

1. Family members may obtain food of their choice at their own expense.
2. Cafeteria employees are not authorized or skilled to provide nutrition advice to families about modified diet choices.
3. Cafeteria employees will not enforce compliance with physician ordered diets.
4. Employees will refer family members' questions/comments to the Food Service Supervisor/Manager on duty. The manager or supervisor may contact the clinical staff if indicated.
5. Nursing staff may obtain food for patients using approved procedures—refer to FNS policy # 3364-104-308, *Availability of Food when the Department is Closed.*

Approved by:  Charles Harrison Director, Food & Nutrition <i>Review/Revision Completed By:</i> Food & Nutrition	Review/Revision Date: 6/2005 6/2/2008 Next Review Date: 6/1/2011
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