PURPOSE: To plan for the event of a fire.

POLICY STATEMENT:
In the event of a fire, hospital and department policies are in place to assure safety of residents/patients.

PROCEDURE:
1. FIRE CODES:
   A. Red Alert: Indicates a fire or smoke has been reported
   B. Red Alert: Fire Drill: Indicates that a pre-arranged drill will be carried out and that all personnel are to proceed accordingly.
   C. Red Alert: All Clear: Resume all normal activities.
   D. Red Alert: False Alarm: False alarms should be announced over PA as such.

2. DISCOVERY OF A FIRE OR SMOKE:
   R. Remove the persons from immediate area of the fire beyond one set of fire doors.
      -The fire doors include the door opening to the corridor when the fire is in a room or space off the corridor.
   A. Alert the building by all of the following:
      -Pull alarm nearest the fire. The fire alarm pull is in the hallway near the service entrance.
      -Dial 22. Announce “Red Alert, Zone 1, Kitchen”. Repeat.
   C. Close the door to confine the fire to the smallest location.
      -Doors opening to the corridors automatically close when fire system is activated.
      -All other doors in Nutrition need to be manually closed.
   E. Extinguish the fire as appropriate:
      A dry chemical fire extinguisher is located next to the east entrance (to service hallway). A wet chemical fire extinguisher is mounted on the center wall in the kitchen (stainless steel container) and is the preferred
extinguisher for kitchen fires.

Evacuate the area.
There are two levels of evacuation – Horizontal and Building evacuation. These should be implemented in this order. **Horizontal Evacuation** toward central hallway or toward lobby. The smoke/fire compartments are identified on floor plans throughout the hospital. posted with department Fire Plan. **Building Evacuation** is accomplished by utilizing exits at the service hallway, the north end of the central hallway or the lobby.

3. **FIRE OR SMOKE IN ANOTHER AREA:** When Red Alert is announced, turn off all electrical equipment, close all doors and proceed to Oak Crest to assist with evacuation, if needed. Take dry chemical fire extinguisher if fire is in Oak Crest area or to scene of fire, if needed.