

The CNA Patient Care Task Force

Sign-up:

RNs of all specialties and units of the striking hospitals are encouraged to sign-up for the Patient Care Task force. If you are available during the strike to respond to an emergency, please send an email with your name, phone numbers, facility, unit, nursing specialty and when you're available to slazare@calnurses.org or call your labor rep, or leave a message on the Strike Hotline at 510-273-2227. Make sure you mention your name, phone numbers, facility, unit, nursing specialty and when you're available.

What it is:

CNA and the RNs on the task force make a professional nursing assessment of each situation where emergency assistance is requested after the strike begins and will assign a nurse to stabilize the patient if necessary.

The Process:

- Administration from the hospital will contact the CNA designated representative on the picket line.
- CNA will get in touch with an RN with the appropriate skills/competency (if available) if it is deemed an emergent situation.
- The RN may enter the hospital to stabilize the patient, and then return to the picket line.

Note: Managers are NOT to contact RNs directly, nor does the RN commit to working a shift or any length of time. The task force is for emergency purposes only.

If you are called directly by a manager, instruct them to go out to the picket line to speak to a CNA representative or picket captain.