

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: 004-STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

POLICY: Statement of Philosophy

PURPOSE: To Share the Department of Anesthesiology Philosophy of Care

DEPARTMENTS: ANESTHESIOLOGY

PROCEDURE: Olive View – UCLA Medical Center provides medical care to Los Angeles County patients. The goal of the Department of Anesthesiology is to deliver the highest quality anesthesia care to our patients. We are committed to treat our patients with respect and to effectively communicate with them regarding their anesthesia.

The Anesthesia care team approach is used to deliver this care. Physician Anesthesiologists provide care for our patients. Anesthesiologists supervise Residents, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA's), and Nurse Practitioners. Anesthesiologists are ultimately responsible for anesthesia care in individual cases. The Anesthesiologist is the perioperative physician, caring for patients prior to and during surgical, obstetric and certain medical procedures. Anesthesiologists are uniquely qualified to prescribe and administer drug therapies and perform special techniques for acute, chronic and cancer pain.

The Department of Anesthesiology at Olive View – UCLA Medical Center serves as a valuable resource for UCLA's School of Medicine. We are committed to providing the highest level of training to our Anesthesiology Residents and Medical Students. We are committed to continuous education for ourselves.

In addition to providing patient care, the Department of Anesthesiology serves in a leadership position in operating room administration and management, including the efficient use of operating rooms and personnel.

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