

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

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SUBJECT/TITLE: 008-WHO PROVIDES ANESTHESIA SERVICE

POLICY: Who Provides Anesthesia Services

PURPOSE: Delegation and authority to provide Anesthesia must be consistent with medical staff (PSA) policy.

DEPARTMENTS: ANESTHESIOLOGY

DEFINITIONS: Anesthesiologist: A physician licensed to practice medicine who has successfully completed an accredited training program in Anesthesiology.
Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA): A registered nurse who has satisfactorily completed an accredited nurse anesthesia training program and certifying examination.

PROCEDURE:

1. Anesthesia at Olive View/UCLA Medical Center will be given only by properly licensed practitioners (Anesthesiologists or CRNA's supervised by Anesthesiologists) who have current privileges to perform the needed anesthetic procedures. These practitioners will be members of the Department of Anesthesiology. These practitioners will be privileged by the Professional Staff Association of the Olive View – UCLA Medical Center.
2. Persons with anesthesia privileges must participate in a proctoring program when newly hired and must participate in the re-credentialing program every two years.
3. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists work under the medical direction of Physician Anesthesiologists.
4. Agency and contract anesthesia staff apply for privileges and participate in credentialing and reappointment identical to the department's staff.

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Note: members of other departments may be credentialed within their own department to perform certain procedures if they provide evidence of training in these procedures and are proctored. Typical examples would be plastic surgeons who have been given privileges to do peripheral blocks such as digit or wrist blocks, and podiatrists performing an ankle block.

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