

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

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**SUBJECT/TITLE:** 30-SUPERVISION OF CRNA'S

**POLICY:** SUPERVISION OF CRNAs

**PURPOSE:** To describe the policy regarding supervision of CRNA's at Olive View - UCLA Medical Center.

**DEPARTMENTS:**

**DEFINITIONS:** CRNA: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Anesthesia services throughout the hospital are organized into one Anesthesia service, under the direction of the Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology.
2. Each institution sets its own policies on CRNA supervision. CRNA's are supervised here according to National Standards (American Society of Anesthesiologists), The Joint Commission, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS<sup>1</sup>) and in compliance with State of California standards.
3. General anesthesia, regional anesthesia and monitored anesthesia, including deep sedation/analgesia, may be administered by a CRNA who is supervised by an Anesthesiologist. The Anesthesiologist is required to be physically present at critical points in the case and immediately available at other times. The CRNA may complete the intra-operative anesthesia record. Counter-signature on the anesthesia record provides attestation of MD supervision of CRNA's.
4. An Anesthesiologist is considered "immediately available" when needed by a CRNA under the anesthesiologist's supervision only if he/she is not otherwise occupied in a way that prevents him/her from immediately arriving to conduct hands-on intervention, if needed.
5. An Anesthesiologist may supervise up to 2 CRNA's.
6. The CRNA may perform the initial pre-anesthesia evaluation of a patient, which shall be reviewed and verified by the Anesthesiologist

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prior to the administration of Anesthesia.

Note: 1(CMS Interpretive Guidelines for the Anesthesia Services Condition of Participation)	
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