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DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: 060-INFECTIOIN CONTROL FOR ANESTHESIA PROCEDURES (OR)

POLICY: Infection Control for Anesthesia Procedures

PURPOSE: To ensure that Department of Anesthesiology staff members follow guidelines and procedures in the Olive View – UCLA Infection Control Manual.

DEPARTMENTS: ANESTHESIOLOGY

DEFINITIONS: Infection control practices include the safe handling of medications, contaminated medical equipment, proper injection practices, task-specific infection prevention training for personnel, adherence to state and federal regulations, as well as infection surveillance and regular audits of staff adherence to the safe practices.

PROCEDURE:

1. Clean OR attire is to be worn and changed daily. Change between cases is expected if the staff's clothing is contaminated with blood or secretions. Hair covers are to be worn, to conform to current OR policy. Masks are to be changed between cases. Anesthesia staff must follow the OR Committee's regulation on wearing of scrub clothes outside the OR. Specifically, staff may not wear scrub clothes from home and then go to the OR to work.
2. Anesthesia personnel should wash their hands between cases, even if gloves were worn during the case.
3. Scrub clothes may be covered with a lab coat or an OR cover gown when leaving the OR suite.
4. Staff with communicable diseases will not give patient care until medically cleared.
5. Staff will cooperate fully with any testing or follow-up necessary after exposure to a patient with a possible communicable disease.
6. The department's infection control procedures shall be reviewed yearly.
7. DHS Policy requires mandatory seasonal influenza vaccinations for workforce members. Each workforce member must either be vaccinated, or sign a declination - declining the vaccination. If a workforce member does not receive the vaccination by a date to be designated yearly, the workforce member will be required to begin wearing a surgical mask whenever they

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are working with a patient (specifications per the policy).

References: Infection Control Manual	
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