

**VALLEYCARE  
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS  
ANGIOGRAPHY SUITE/CARDIOLOGY DIVISION  
POLICY & PROCEDURE  
PACEMAKER/AICD IMPLANTATION**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: COMPETENCY PLAN: COMPETENCY TRAINING FOR  
ANGIOGRAPHY SUITE/CARDIOLOGY LAB NURSING STAFF**

**POLICY:** Competency training for Pacemaker & Devices Implantation for nursing staff is coordinated by the Special Procedure supervisor with the Operating Room supervisory staff. The goal is to achieve a basic knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to fulfill the professional role functions of a registered nurse in the Pacemaker Implantation/AICD suite. Training includes didactic regarding aseptic technique, surgical conscience, instrument and equipment set-up, and proper surgical draping. Staff will have actual hands on training with surgical equipment and supplies, passing of surgical sutures, sponge and instruments counts. Actual training duration includes 8 hours of circulating nurse functions and 12 hours of scrub nurse functions. Competency will be validated using structured skills competency checklist by a qualified preceptor and based on AORN standards and recommendations and relevant community standards of practice.

**PURPOSE:** To ensure the competency of Cardiology-Cath Lab/Special Procedures Nursing Staff assisting with Pacemaker and Device Implantation in the Cardiac Cath Lab

**DEPARTMENTS:** CARDIOLOGY

**DEFINITIONS:**

**PROCEDURES:**

References:	
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