

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

**NUMBER: 1911**  
**VERSION: 1**

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** DEATH IN THE ANGIOGRAPHY SUITE– CARE OF THE PATIENT

**POLICY:** All patients who expire in the Angiography Suite will receive appropriate and respectful care after death.

**DEPARTMENTS:** All

**PROCEDURE:**

1. The doctor pronounces the patient dead.
2. The doctor calls the Coroner, if indicated.
3. The doctor calls relatives.

**NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Cardiology Supervisor.
2. Administrative Nurse in Charge.
3. Medical Records Office of Decedent Affairs
4. Person listed on Admission Sheet as “Person to Notify” (Doctor should talk with relatives prior to anyone else. When person to notify is contacted tell him/her of demise of patient. Instruct the person to get in touch with the Record Office, by telephone between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Contact Record Office when unable to contact “Person to Notify” during business hours.
5. If patient is Catholic, notify priest.
6. Ward where patient was admitted.

**TELEGRAM:**

Between hours of 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., if unable to contact “Person to Notify,” the nurse in charge of ward or area will write message to be sent by telegram and take to telephone operator (3 copies)

**CHARTING:**

The Cardiologist charts all pertinent information on progress notes.

**ATTENDING CARDIOLOGIST:**

The Cardiologist fills out Certificate of Death, also Coroner’s papers when indicated.

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**NURSE CHARTS:**

Notice of Patient’s Death in duplicate, hospital report.

**CARE OF BODY:**

See: **GUIDE TO NURSING MANUAL** for “Care of body after death.”

**CORONER’S CASE:**

Coroner should be called when any condition is present as listed on Hospital Report Coroners Case Form#76H655.

References:	
Hospital, Nursing Policy and Procedures	
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