

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

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**VERSION: 1**

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** DRAPING OF PATIENT AND CREATION OF STERILE FIELD

**MD ORDER:** Yes ( ) No (X)

**POLICY:** For all patients undergoing surgical intervention, the operative site and necessary tables and equipment are draped using aseptic technique.

**PURPOSE:** To create and maintain a sterile field.

**DEPARTMENTS:** All

**IMPLEMENTATION: I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- A. Only drapes that meet the criteria for establishing an effective barrier are used.
- B. Only intact materials are used for draping.
- C. Sterile drapes are handled as little as possible.
- D. Drapes should not be shaken, flipped, or fanned.
- E. Drapes are carried folded to areas where they are to be placed.
- F. Once in position, drapes are not repositioned.
- G. During draping procedures, gloved hands are protected from contamination by cuffing a drape edge.
- H. Drapes that have dropped below waist level while being unfolded are not brought into the sterile field. They are discarded.

**II. INSTRUMENT TABLES/EQUIPMENT**

- A. Drapes are placed only on clean, dry surfaces.
- B. Any equipment brought into the sterile field should be draped.
  - 1. When available, specialty drapes are used to drape specialty equipment (i.e., microscope, camera).
  - 2. When equipment, such as an x-ray machine that cannot be draped, is positioned over the operative site, the site must be protected with a sterile barrier.
  - 3. Drapes used to cover equipment that generate heat must allow for ventilation to dissipate heat.

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**III. OPERATIVE SITE**

- A. The tips of penetrating towel slips used to secure towels and/or draped are considered contaminated and are not moved until the end of the procedure.
- B. Single sheets, fenestrated drapes, or a combination of both are used to drape from the incision site to the periphery.
- C. Additional areas to be draped include.
  - 1. Foot of table.
  - 2. Arm boards.
  - 3. Screen and/or IV poles used to allow anesthesia access to patient.
- D. Draping procedures may be modified by anatomical location of incision.

References:	
2008 AORN Standards and Recommended Practices.	
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