

***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:** GOWNING AND GLOVING

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

**POLICY:** All scrubbed persons must wear a sterile gown and gloves when participating in surgery.

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

**DEPARTMENTS:** All

**PROCEDURE:** I. GOWNS

- A. Only sterile surgical gowns made from a material that has proven to be an effective barrier against the passage of microorganisms from non-sterile to sterile areas may be worn for surgical procedures.
- B. All persons who perform the surgical scrub in preparation for surgery must don a sterile gown.
- C. The scrub person should don a sterile gown from a sterile field other than the main instrument table.
- D. Once a surgical gown is donned, it is considered sterile in front from the level of the axilla to table level and the sleeves to two inches above the elbow.
  - 1. The back of the gown is not considered sterile.
  - 2. Stockinet gown cuffs are not considered sterile once a hand has passed through them.
- E. Gowns that become contaminated are changed.

II. GLOVES

- A. All persons who perform the surgical scrub in preparation for surgery must also wear sterile gloves.
- B. Gloves must cover the stockinet sleeve of the gown.
- C. Scrub persons use closed gloving technique for initial donning of sterile gloves.

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- D. Gloves that develop a hole or become contaminated are changed as soon as possible using open glove technique.

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| References:                                       |                  |
| 2008 AORN Standards and Recommended Practices.    |                  |
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