

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

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SUBJECT/TITLE: SURGICAL SCRUB

POLICY: Persons participating in a sterile surgical procedure shall perform a surgical scrub.

PURPOSE: To remove soil and transient microbes from the skin. To reduce the number of resident microbes on the skin. To inhibit the rebound growth of microbes.

DEPARTMENTS: Cardiology Angiography Suite

DEFINITIONS: To reduce contamination that may be transmitted from personnel to patient as well as from patient to personnel.

PROCEDURE:

I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS PRIOR TO SCRUB

- A. Persons with open lesions and breaks in their skin should not scrub for surgical procedures.
- B. Only persons in proper scrub attire shall scrub.
- C. Scrubbed persons are not permitted to wear jewelry on hands or arms.
- D. Persons with artificial nails and/or nail polish are not permitted to scrub.
- E. A pre-wash is required to the surgical scrub.

II. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS DURING SCRUB

- A. Only broad spectrum, rapid acting, hospital-approved antimicrobial agents may be used for the surgical scrub.
- B. An anatomical timed scrub or a counted stroke method is acceptable.
 - 1. The surgical scrub should be performed for a minimum of five (5) minutes.
 - 2. All surfaces of the fingers, hands and arms to two inches above the elbow must be scrubbed.
- C. In cases of emergency, where time does not permit, scrub procedure and times may be modified.

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| 2008 AORN Standards and Recommended Practices | |
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