

**VALLEYCARE  
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS  
ENDOSCOPY LAB  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: ANOSCOPY, ASSISTING WITH**

<b>POLICY:</b>	Patient safety and security will be maintained at all times during Invasive Procedures.
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To examine the anus under direct vision. Biopsy, cytology and electrosurgical cautery may be performed.
<b>DEPARTMENTS:</b>	<b>Endoscopy Unit, Procedural Nursing</b>
<b>DEFINITIONS:</b>	Anoscopy is the examination of the anus for diagnosis or treatment of diseases of the anal canal.
<b>KEYWORDS:</b>	Anoscopy
<b>PROCEDURE:</b>	<p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b></p> <p>Video sigmoidoscope, Anoscope                      Light source and Video Processor                      Biopsy forceps                      Rectal swabs                      Disposable gloves                      4x4 gauze sponges                      Lidocaine jelly, lubricant                      60 cc slip-tip flushing syringe with metal tip                      Carafe with water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check to ensure that chart and consent are complete.</li> <li>2. Check vital signs.</li> <li>3. Position patient of left lateral or knee-chest position. Drape patient with sheet and expose buttocks.</li> <li>4. Smear lubricant and/or Lidocaine jelly on instrument and hand to physician.</li> <li>5. The physician will perform digital examination and will then examine the rectum.</li> <li>6. At conclusion of procedure, check vital signs and report any abnormalities to physician.</li> <li>7. Take patient to the Ambulatory Special Procedures Unit or Recovery Room or</li> </ol>

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	return the patient to their room if they are an inpatient.
	<b>CHART</b>
	1. Document necessary information on G. I. Laboratory nurse's notes. 2. Signature and patient status on discharge or transfer back to inpatient unit

References: Endoscopy Laboratory Policies Procedures Standards of the Joint Commission Accreditation Manual	
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