

VALLEYCARE
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
DEPARTMENT: FACILITIES
POLICY & PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT/TITLE: INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

POLICY:

The A/C and Steam Shop will perform scheduled and unscheduled maintenance on air conditioning systems and other equipment to help prevent the growth of infections agents in these systems/equipment. This work shall be performed in a manner that will protect the health of employees and patients.

PROCEDURE:

REFRIGERATORS: Checked for operation and cleanliness once a year and so logged by our personnel. P.M. log is kept in facilities.

STERILIZERS: Maintenance and monthly P.M. logged in book in P.C.S. surgery autoclave is checked monthly and so logged by our division. Space tests are run by P.C.S. personnel. Sterilizers are cleaned and logged by both divisions.

A/C UNITS: Filters are changed in accord with the Preventive Maintenance Program and logged by mechanical personnel. 95% filters are changed annually or when static is above 1.5 over clean rating. A/C units are treated continuously with tablets to prevent the growth of bacteria when applicable.

COOLING TOWERS: Cooling towers are cleaned, chemically treated, and the water is tested in accord with the frequencies defined in the Preventive Maintenance Program.

ICE MACHINES: Ice Machines are cleaned and checked monthly. We check quality of makeup water and operation of unit. Employees are instructed on cleanliness to insure product quality.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY: The risk to employees changing filters is moderate; therefore, they are to wear gloves, mask, goggles, and coveralls while handling dirty filters.

PATIENT SAFETY: Prior to working on A/C systems, workers shall take precautions to prevent dust and dirt from contaminating the system.

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DEFINITIONS:

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