

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

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SUBJECT/TITLE: POLICY ON MEDICAL EQUIPMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

POLICY: It is the policy of the ValleyCare that the Biomedical Shop will be available on a 24 hour a day basis to respond to emergencies involving medical equipment malfunctions and or failures. During normal business hours the Biomedical Shop can be contacted directly by telephone or pager. Evening, nights, weekends and holidays the on-call Biomedical technician may be contacted on long-range pager through the Medical Center's BEAS Room.

PURPOSE:

DEPARTMENTS: FACILITIES

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

1. In the event of an emergency involving a medical equipment malfunction or failure the medical staff members are instructed to trade out the equipment with and appropriate spare or to take the required steps to insure the safety of the patient. Spare equipment is available for all life support and monitoring equipment.
2. The medical staff should then contact the Biomedical Shop as outlined above.
3. A call-out list will be provided to the BEAS operators on an annual basis. The call-out list will consist of names, pager numbers and home phone numbers of the Biomedical Shop staff.
4. If for some reason the Biomedical Shop Supervisor cannot be contacted the BEAS operator are instructed to contact the Director of Facilities or his/her designee.
5. The Biomedical Shop staff member responding to the call will assess the medical equipment failure/malfunction and provide repair services for equipment that is needed before the normal repair cycle.
6. Medical equipment that is involved in an event that caused or has the potential for serous injury to patient or is involved in the death of patient

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will be removed from service immediately. The equipment will be evaluated and the incident will be investigated according to SMDA criteria and ValleyCare policies.

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