

VALLEYCARE
**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
5B - INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: USE OF INTRAVENOUS (IV) CART

POLICY: The Intravenous (IV) Cart is available for use during intravenous catheter Insertion or phlebotomy. Supplies are checked for expiration by assigned staff on a daily basis.

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines in the use and cleaning/decontamination of the Intravenous (IV) Cart.

DEPARTMENTS: Medicine, Nursing 5B - Intensive Care Unit

DEFINITIONS: The Intravenous (IV) cart is a 5-drawer/13 compartment movable cart on wheels used to store sterile and non-sterile supplies used primarily during intravenous insertions of IV catheters or during phlebotomy.

PROCEDURE:

1. The Intravenous (IV) Cart is available for use during IV catheter insertion or phlebotomy. The cart may be wheeled close to the patient care area to facilitate access of Intravenous/phlebotomy supplies.
2. Supplies are checked for expiration by assigned staff on a daily basis.

Cleaning the exterior surface

The exterior surface of the IV cart can be cleaned and disinfected using the recommended cleaner or disinfectant. The IV cart must be cleaned after each patient use.

1. Clean the surfaces using a soft cloth lightly dampened in a mild soap or detergent cleaning solution.
2. Wipe the surfaces with the disinfecting solution. PDI Super Sani Cloth is recommended.
3. Air dry or towel dry with a clean cloth.

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References: Manufacturer Owner's Manual	
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