

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
5A ONCOLOGY / MEDICINE  
5C TELEMETRY / MEDICINE  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE:** USE OF COMFORT CARE ROOMS ON 5A/5C (5A112, 5C110)

**MD ORDER:** YES [ ] NO [ X ]

**PURPOSE:** The rooms have been designated for the use of terminally ill adult patients and their families who wish to stay and comfort the patient during this most difficult time.

**DEPARTMENTS:** The room is to remain locked at all times except when in use by specified patients.  
**NURSING**

**POLICY:**

1. The patient must have a terminal illness, no longer pursuing curative treatment with a life expectancy of less than 6 months. A patient facing imminent death (days to one week) would be giving priority.
2. The patient with a Do Not Resuscitate Order would be given priority.
3. There must be circumstances that merit the patient-family use of this room.
4. The nurse manager of the unit (5A/5C) or designee, the physician assigned to the patient or the palliative care consultant and/or the Nurse Administrator will make the decision as to which patient will utilize these rooms. If there is a conflict, the above staff will discuss the needs of the patients and their families and prioritize the list of who should be assigned to the room.
5. The use of this room is a privilege and when it is available. The patient may be moved to another room if the staff determines that this would be more appropriate.

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