

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: FOOD AND BEVERAGE FOR STAFF IN CLINICAL AREAS**

**POLICY:** All staff will keep food/beverage for their own consumption in specified, designated areas in the care units/clinics.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to prevent the exposure to and spread of infectious agents within all clinical areas.

**DEPARTMENTS:** All

**DEFINITIONS:**

- PROCEDURE:**
1. All staff should make reasonable attempts to eat and drink in designated areas, such as official break rooms and cafeteria, during their work hours.
  2. Eating/drinking or storing food/beverage in patient care areas (e.g., patient rooms, utility/storage rooms, laboratory, operating rooms, procedure/exam areas, and nurses’ stations) is prohibited.
  3. Food//beverages are allowed in areas that do not experience the presence of patients, patient specimens, or patient supplies; e.g., charting rooms, conference rooms, and break rooms. These areas must be maintained in a neat and clean manner. If food/beverages are stored or eaten in these rooms, staff are to be mindful of patients and visitors, and keep doors closed whenever possible. If the room in question is found not to be kept in good order, permission to have/ consume food or drink in that location will be revoked.

References: 29 CFR Section 1910.1030(3)(2)(ix) ValleyCare Infection Control Manual: Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan	
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