

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
MENTAL HEALTH NURSING
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: RAZORS

MD ORDER: YES [] NO [X]

POLICY: Patients who are experiencing confusion, disordered thinking, impaired judgment and/or self-destructive impulses are at risk of injury to self or others.

Disposable razors are stored in the utility room to promote safety.

Patients using razors must be observed at all times by nursing staff. Judgment must be exercised when determining the patient’s appropriateness for using a razor.

PURPOSE: To ensure adequate supervision and safe use of razors by psychiatric patients.

DEPARTMENTS: MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

References: American Nurses Association (1997) Standards of Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Nursing Practice, Standard Vb. Milieu Therapy. Washington, DC. Haber, Judith, et al. (19979). Comprehensive Psychiatric Nursing (5 th ed.) St. Louis: Mosby.	
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