

*VALLEYCARE*  
**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS  
CARDIOLOGY DIVISION  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION LABORATORY PRIORITIZATION OF CASES**

- POLICY:**
1. Patients requiring angiography will be evaluated and deemed emergent, urgent, non-urgent, or elective.
  2. Patients requiring angiography will be either inpatient or outpatient
  3. Patients will be prioritized based on clinical status. Emergent patients always take priority on the daily schedule. The schedule is fluid, and can change based on a new patient presenting for procedure, or clinical status change on a known patient.
  4. If there is an emergent patient, they are first priority. If there is a patient on the table and the procedure has begun, an attending to attending discussion will occur to determine whether the procedure will be postponed or concluded prior to the emergency patient procedure. If the procedure has not begun, the priority will change and the less urgent patient will have the procedure delayed.
  5. Communication between Cardiology and Radiology for emergency cases will always be Attending to Attending.
  6. A list of procedures that may be performed in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory is attached in the letter dated August 26, 2011 from the California Department of Public Health.

**PURPOSE:**

**DEPARTMENTS:** Cardiology, Cardiology/Cath Lab, Radiology

**DEFINITIONS:**

**PROCEDURE:**

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