

VALLEYCARE
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES - ADULT
POLICY & PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT/TITLE: PROCESSING AND STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT

POLICY: All RCP's are to be familiar with the equipment breakdown and disinfection process of respiratory equipment.

PURPOSE: To explain the cleaning and disinfections process of durable equipment used for respiratory therapy.

DEPARTMENTS: RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

- Always wear your PPE: gloves, gown, and mask when handling equipment to be discarded.
- All disposable equipment will be properly discarded in patient care areas following blood and body fluid precautions. If large amounts of blood or body fluids exist or if the equipment is isolated, the equipment will be discarded in red bags.
- Soiled reusable equipment will be bagged then transported to Central Processing for decontamination and cleaning.
- Surfaces of all machines will be wiped with a hospital approved germicidal wipes. The surface should be thoroughly wet for the duration of the contact time stated on the container label.
- All items requiring *Cidex*, steam or gas sterilization will be sent to Central Processing.
- All cleaned equipment will be rotated on earliest date processed/first used basis.

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