

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

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VERSION: 1**

**SUBJECT/TITLE: OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION, CARE OF EQUIPMENT**

**POLICY:** All patients will receive oxygen therapy through single patient disposable devices. To prevent nosocomial infection.

**PURPOSE:** To explain the infection control measures regarding oxygen therapy.

**DEPARTMENTS: RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES**

**DEFINITIONS:**

**PROCEDURE:** Only disposable equipment will be used:

- o Nasal cannulas.
- o Oxygen masks.
- o Aerosol delivery circuits.
- o Vapotherm or High Flow Cannula units.
- o Connecting tubing.
- o Humidifier bottles.

Cannulas, masks, connecting tubing and all disposable equipment will be changed when there is evidence of need i.e. soiled, filled with moisture, contamination or set-up days expire requiring replacement.

Humidifier bottles are a pre-filled closed system. Discard bottles in the proper receptacle when water solution becomes low.

References:	
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