

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES – SLEEP MEDICINE
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: TECHNICIAN STAFFING PATTERNS AND RATIOS

POLICY: A technician-to-patient ratio of 1:2 is the maximum for all sleep studies under usual circumstances. A ratio of 1:1 may be used when recording young children or adult patients expected to require additional assistance during the recording at the discretion of the medical director.

PURPOSE: Setting staffing patterns and patient-to-technician ratios that are appropriate for the workload ensures the safety of sleep patients and adequate technician coverage throughout the recording.

DEPARTMENTS: RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

References:	
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