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HOSPITAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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PATIENT-OWNED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

INTENT

To ensure that all patient-owned electrical equipment brought into the hospital is in safe and proper working condition.

POLICY

Use of all patient-owned medical equipment must be ordered by the attending physician to ensure that the equipment is appropriate for the patient to use. In the event of a theft or loss, the hospital assumes no responsibility.

PROCEDURE

Patient-Owned Medical Equipment:

RESPIRATORY THERAPY EQUIPMENT:

Patient-owned **BiPAP** medical equipment **shall not** be used for care of the patient while in the hospital. Only **CPAP** units that have been assessed and approved by Biomedical and Respiratory Therapy Services will be allowed. If a patient-owned CPAP unit is not approved, then Respiratory Therapy Services will provide the CPAP unit. All admitted CPAP patients should bring in their mask, tubing and CPAP prescription levels.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

1. In special circumstances that warrant the use of patient-owned medical equipment, the equipment must be approved by the attending physician, Nurse Manager and the Directors of Plant Services and Risk Management regarding the appropriateness of the equipment to be used in the care of the patient. All staff that will be using the equipment to provide services and care for the patient must be appropriately in-serviced on the equipment by the vendor prior to use.
2. If the patient-owned equipment is approved for use, the equipment must be safety-tested and approved for use by the Hospital's Plant Services/Biomedical Services. Once the equipment is inspected and approved for use, it will be labelled by Plant Services/Biomedical Services and logged in Plant Services.

Patient-Owned Cell Phones or Radio Transmitters:

Cell phones or radio transmitters will not be permitted to be used within the hospital building.

Patient-Owned Personal Care Equipment:

1. Only **small, battery-powered** devices such as clocks, radios and tape players (not including battery chargers) will be permitted, as long as they do not disturb other patients or hospital personnel
2. All patients and/or patient's family should be given an information brochure entitled ***'Bringing Appliances into the Hospital'***.



Queensway-Carleton Hospital
Patient Information:
Bringing Appliances into the Hospital

You may want to bring entertainment, grooming or other electrical appliances into the hospital. **Only battery operated** devices are permitted. The following rules must be followed to ensure your comfort and safety, as well as that of other patients.

- While you are in the hospital, circumstances may arise that make using a device by yourself or others unsafe. You must comply with any request by hospital personnel not to use a device.
- Use of all patient-owned medical equipment must be ordered by the attending physician.
- The hospital assumes no responsibility for theft or other loss associated with any device brought into the hospital by a patient or visitor.
- Although it is extremely unlikely, a patient's appliance could interfere with the operation of a nearby medical device. Computerized devices (e.g., personal computers, video games) may be the most likely sources of interference. If an appliance appears to be interfering with the operation of a medical device, turn off or unplug the appliance - normal device operation should resume. It may be necessary to turn some devices off and then on again to resume normal operation.
- In the event of any questions or uncertainty, please ask your nurse who will be pleased to answer your questions.

Permitted Battery Operated Appliances	Not Permitted Appliances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clocks ➤ Radios ➤ Tape & CD/MP3 Players ➤ Shavers ➤ Laptop computers ➤ Palm Pilots etc... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Electric hair blow dryer: <i>Arrangements may be made to use a hospital unit if required. Please ask your nurse for more information.</i> ➤ Curling Irons ➤ Electric Shaver ➤ Televisions: These can be obtained from the hospital for a nominal daily fee. ➤ Extension Cords ➤ Heating Devices of any type. ➤ Radio Transmitters: (CB's walkie-talkies, cell phones)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION