

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SPECIAL PROCEDURE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: ELECTROSURGICAL UNIT: USING ENDOSTAT ELECTROSURGICAL GENERATOR

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Purpose of Procedure: To outline the methods used to ensure safe operation of the Endostat Bipolar Electrosurgical Generator.

Performed By: RN, (Only MD may activate the electrode).

Equipment: Bipolar active electrode

Bipolar coagulator generator

Procedural Steps:

1. Place foot pedal on floor at foot of the Doctor.

- 2. Attach power cord to wall electrical outlet.
- 3. Connect the two plug outlets of the electrode into the OUTPUT adaptor in front of generator.
- Switch POWER to ON. Red Lamp will glow.
 KEY POINT: Red light means generator is functioning properly.
- 5. Adjust COAGULATION switch. Always start at very low power setting and work up to higher setting. **KEY POINT:** #25 is usually the maximum requested.
- When foot pedal is depressed, amber light will glow.
 KEY POINT: If light does not glow, generator is not functioning properly.
- 7. Indicate generator on use special procedure nursing note.
- 8. Machine is now ready.

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References:

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