



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT: PATIENT PERSONAL ELECTRIC OR
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

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PURPOSE:

To provide a safe environment for all patients, employees and visitors and to establish guidelines for the use of patients personal electric or electronic equipment.

POLICY:

If approved by clinical staff, electronic equipment must fit safely in the space provided and shall not impact patient care. Approved electronic equipment must be checked by Bio Medical and have a safety check sticker demonstrating that they are safe for use prior to being placed in service.

All patient owned medical equipment requiring connection to A/C power will generally not be allowed, unless Rancho cannot provide equivalent equipment to meet the patients' needs. Exceptions to this policy will be made only at the direction of the clinical staff. If the equipment is to be used it must be inspected by the Bio Medical Department and meet all of the Bio Medical Equipment Safety Standards. If the device does not meet the equipment standards, it will be removed and given to the responsible party and the patient will be supplied with hospital equipment.

PROCEDURE:

- Clinical staff will notify the Bio Medical Department of the need to inspect any personal electronic equipment brought in by patients.
- Bio Medical will place a safety check sticker on all personal electrical equipment that is acceptable for use. The equipment not meeting the criteria will be tagged "Do not Use" by Bio Medical Department.
- Clinical staff will be advised of any equipment that is not acceptable for use. Clinical staff will inform the patient that the equipment poses a safety hazard and cannot be used within the hospital. The item will be secured by the Nurse Manager until the patient is discharged or until it can be given to a family member/friend to be removed from the hospital.
- Nurse Manager will inform the Area Administrator when a patient refuses to remove or have someone else remove the unacceptable personal equipment. Area Administrator will follow steps in policy B512, Problematic Patient Behavior.

REFERENCE: Administrative Policy and Procedure No. A419 AElectrical Safety Policy@

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APPROVED BY: