



# Department of Facilities POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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## **SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS ELECTRICAL PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT**

**POLICY:**

Facilities will identify and implement processes for monitoring and acting on equipment hazards and recalls, as per State Regulatory compliance, The Joint Commission and the Preventative Maintenance Program.

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure rapid and safe procedures for removing hazardous equipment from use.

**PROCEDURE:**

All electrical patient care equipment that has been deemed hazardous for intended use, and cannot be repaired or modified to meet specifications, will be removed from use.

All medical electronic patient care equipment has an estimated reliable use life of 7 to 10 years. Periodic evaluation of medical electronic patient care equipment will be performed. This will be based upon recommendations made by the Biomedical Department, the manufacturer’s performance recommendations and technical support. As items reach the end of their useful life, user departments will be notified in writing.

Electrical patient care equipment will be removed from use when it is no longer supported by the manufacturer and repair parts are not available.

The user department will be informed in writing of the actions taken and the reasons why. The user department will be responsible for replacement of defective equipment. The Biomedical Department will remove the B.E.C. control number and delete the equipment from the patient care inventory list. The equipment will be salvaged, as per Supply Chain Operation procedural policy.

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