



Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center

MEDICAL CENTER POLICY NO. 0055

A. SUBJECT: Use of Non-University of Virginia Medical Center Equipment

B. EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2013 (R)

C. POLICY:

The use and/or application of personally owned or rented equipment within the University of Virginia Medical Center facilities is restricted. In order to reasonably protect patients, staff, and visitors from hazards related to the use of certain devices, the Medical Center complies with local, state and federal safety requirements and controls the use of these devices. The Medical Center acknowledges no liability for loss or damage related to the utilization of personal equipment.

D. PROCEDURE

1. Medical Equipment

If the medical equipment is part of the patient's pre-existing medical care and the patient wishes to continue the same care, the patient may do so only when:

- a. Written approval is obtained from his/her physician, and;
- b. [Patient Acknowledgement of Responsibility For Use of Non-UVA Devices Waiver Form](#) is signed and included in the patient's chart, and;
- c. The equipment has passed a safety check by Clinical Engineering Services.

Durable medical equipment (DME) rented or purchased for patient use, and/or for patient/family teaching prior to discharge, is permitted when the patient's treatment plan includes extended in-hospital teaching for proper use of the equipment, and either:

- a. The healthcare staff is competent to use the equipment after training and such training is documented in each employee's competency or skills check list, or
- b. DME companies or outside agencies providing direct patient/family training for equipment unfamiliar to the healthcare staff will be available at all times for patient/family assistance.

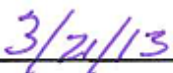
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2. Non-Medical Equipment
 - a. Radio-frequency producing equipment (examples: cell phones, CD players, personal computers) is restricted as specified in [Medical Center Policy No. 0139 "Cellular Telephones, Wireless Devices and Other Radio Frequency Producing Equipment"](#).
 - b. Non-medical equipment with the potential for creating a fire hazard is prohibited. Examples of such equipment include: toasters, toaster ovens, curling irons and electric rollers, hot plates or other cooking devices. Use of open-element portable electric heaters is also prohibited; other types of portable heaters must be approved prior to use by the office of the Director of Health System Physical Plant.
 - c. Non-medical equipment with the potential for personal injury or electromagnetic interference is prohibited in all patient rooms and procedural areas. Examples include: personal portable televisions and any video game, DVD player or VCR requiring connection to hospital televisions.
3. Medical Center staff has the authority to remove any device that is unsafe or is being used in an unsafe manner.
4. The Medical Center reserves the right to inspect and/or impound any/all devices suspected of causing adverse operational characteristics or patient outcomes.
5. Staff of the Department of Clinical Engineering Services (924-2391) and the Safety Manager (924-2304) are available for assistance, if questions arise.

SIGNATURE:



R. Edward Howell, CEO, UVA Medical Center



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