

**PROCEDURE FOR: Equipment: Safety of Patient in Case of Malfunction**

**PURPOSE:** To assure patient safety in case of equipment malfunction.

**POLICY:** Nursing staff will take all reasonable steps to protect patients from potential danger in the event of essential equipment breakdown(s).

**PROCEDURE:**

- | <u>ACTION</u>   | <u>POINTS OF EMPHASIS</u>  |
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| 1. If equipment malfunction is noted or suspected, immediately remove patient from equipment i.e., ventilators, IV pump, monitors, etc. and continue treatment appropriately.   |  |
| 2. If ventilator breaks down, manually ventilate patient with appropriate ambu bag and mask.  |  |
| 3. After attending to patient care requirements needed to compensate for the defective equipment, notify Clinical Engineering immediately of breakdown, need for repair, and request replacement equipment if needed. | 3. a) Leave settings and any connections intact.<br>b) Complete appropriate documentation (i.e., incident report). |
| 4. If a department other than Clinical Engineering supplies replacements, contact that area to obtain replacement.  |  |
| 5. Continue treatment with replacement equipment as soon as it is obtained.   |  |

**APPROVAL:** Nursing Administrative Council

**CREDENTIALS:** RN

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 11/88

**REVISION DATES:** 7/94, 5/97, 10/00, 10/03, 6/06