

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

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**Patient Population**

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

**POLICY:**

Emergency Department personnel will adhere to the following protocols to ensure that all Emergency Department equipment is maintained in full working order.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Emergency Department equipment and supplies are regularly maintained by Emergency Department Nursing Staff.
2. All new electrical equipment for the Emergency Department must be inspected and approved by the Biomedical Engineering Department prior to its use All malfunctioning electrical equipment is reported to Biomedical Engineering for repair and removed from the clinical area. Malfunctioning non-electrical equipment is reported to the Engineering Department for repair.
3. Should a power failure cause electrical equipment to malfunction, the emergency power outlets (designated in red) located in all patient care areas of the Emergency Department provide immediate backup power source.