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- B. UL-approved, 3-wire grounded or UL-approved double insulated equipment with heavy duty power cord and plug should be purchased for use at nurses' stations or in patient lounge areas, (If a device cannot be found with a 3-wire power cord, then a UL-approved 2-wire device may be substituted). However, the appliance should not be labelled "For Household Use".
 - C. Equipment labelled "For Household Use" may be used in food preparation areas on the patient floors of the Hospital.
3. The Hospital and Fire Department prohibits the use of the following electrical devices anywhere in the Hospital due to the risk of electrical shock, fire and smoke hazard:
 - A. Space heaters; Only approved in non-patient care areas; Approved space heaters are available and installed through Facilities Dept.
 - B. Holiday lights
 - C. Popcorn poppers
 - D. Electric blankets
 4. FM&O will install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters on all outlets within 6 feet of sinks.
 5. Entertainment equipment such as cell phones and tablets, radios, toys, games, laptop computers that are in the patient vicinity (within 6 feet of the patient bed) must be battery-powered and used on battery power only. If these devices have rechargeable batteries, then they may be recharged at the patient bed side electrical outlet after inspection by the patient care staff or other personnel. Any equipment that appears not to be in proper working order or in a worn condition shall be removed from service or reported to Facilities Department.
 6. Televisions in patient rooms should be wall-mounted (more than 6 feet from the patient bed) and operated by remote control. Cart-mounted TV's and VCR's that are operated by patients, in patient rooms, for education and entertainment should be designed for medical use or be powered by a dedicated isolation transformer.
 7. In accordance with NFPA 10.4.2.2, any equipment that appears not to be in proper working order or in worn condition shall be removed from service or reported to the Facilities Department.

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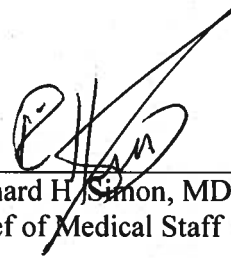
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