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POLICY:

Where specialized competence is required for the safe care and use of equipment an instructional program should exist that contains:

- a) Knowledge of underlying principles for its care and use,
- b) Provision for supervised practice,
- c) Method to demonstrate specialized competence,
- d) Provision for maintenance of competency where the equipment is used infrequently.

PRINCIPLES:

The safe care and use of equipment is central to quality client care.

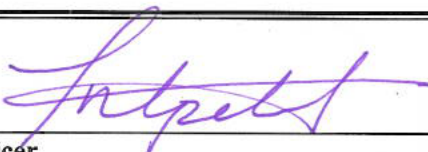

Note: a list of equipment and supplies that should be considered to require the development of specialized competence is located in Guideline 05-020-01. It is intended as a reference for the development of specific equipment policies and protocols.

RELATED POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND LEGISLATION:

Guideline 05-020-01 Advanced Nursing Equipment

GUIDELINE 05-020-01

Audiometer and Impedance equipment
Autoclave
Cardiac monitor
Centrifuge
Circoelectric bed
Defibrillator
Endotracheal tubes
Electrocardiograph machines
Entonox cylinders
Hare splint
Heart monitor
Heimlich flutter valve
Intravenous pressure infuser
Laboratory equipment
Laryngoscope
Mechanical ventilators
Medevac bags
Microscope
Obstetrical monitors
Obstetrical emergency bags
Oxygen concentrators
Pulmonary lung function machine
Sealed chest units
Spencer Hemoglobinometer
Stryker frames
Survival packs
Thomas splints
Tonometer
Traction apparatus
Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation unit (TENS)
Vaginal speculums
X-ray and developing equipment

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