

Clinical Product and Equipment Selection and Evaluation

1. Introduction

This policy provides information related to the selection and evaluation of clinical products and equipment by staff on behalf of Providence Health Care (PHC).

1.1. Scope

This policy is applicable to all PHC care sites and [Staff](#).

2. Policy

PHC staff may select and evaluate products and/or equipment appropriate to their area of responsibility within the limits of their budgets and with no commitment to purchase on behalf of PHC.

All product evaluations, validations, selections and purchases must also meet Provincial Health services Authority (PHSA) policies and processes.

For any product or equipment evaluation that is over 24 hours in length, a PHSA no-charge capital or consumable purchase order must be issued prior to evaluation within PHC. PHSA issues no-charge purchase order for all products and or capital equipment regardless of trial duration.

All supplies and equipment must meet Health Canada safety standards and regulation approval for use in Canada. PHSA confirms any new technology products or equipment used complies with Health Canada standards.

3. Responsibilities

The Director, Lower Mainland Consolidated Services, Biomedical Engineering responsible for the PHC sites must be contacted to arrange for all capital equipment clinical evaluations within PHC facilities.

The OR Supply & Equipment Coordinator- Surgical Program & Maternity Service, Surgery Program must approve the evaluation of all products for use in the Operating Rooms.

Director must approve the evaluation of all consumable products for use outside of the Operating Rooms and review prior with the Director of Clinical Supplies and Equipment for approval.

Biomedical Engineering staff will work with clinical staff to ensure that clinical devices meet applicable regulatory standards before entry to PHC clinical area.

4. Compliance

Failure by Staff to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, services or privileges.

5. Supporting Documents

5.1. Related Policies

[Supply Chain Policies](#)

[Signing Authority](#)

5.2. Guidelines/Procedures/Forms

[Biomedical Engineering – Lower Mainland](#)

6. Definitions

“Staff” means all employees (including management and leadership), Medical Staff Members (including physicians, midwives, dentists and Nurse Practitioners), residents, fellows and trainees, health care professionals, students, volunteers, contractors and other service providers.

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