(A) Policy Statement

Electrical safety standards and practice shall be observed by all Cardiac Services personnel.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide an electrically safe environment for patients and personnel.

(C) Procedure

1. All electrical equipment used in the Heart and Vascular Center:
   a. Must have a 3-prong plug and must be approved and logged by the UT Medical Center Tech Support Services or Maintenance Department.
   b. Any equipment with cracked or frayed lines, cords, cables, cracked plugs or electrical equipment damaged in any way will not be used, and a white – “Do Not Operate” tag shall be applied. White tags are located in the fourth drawer from the left in the corner cabinet out in the Reception area.
   c. If electrically hazardous conditions are suspected in relation to patient related or biomedical equipment, Technology Support Services, who are available 24 hours per day, should be called immediately. If a hazard related to building or wall panels occur, Maintenance Department should be reached through extension 5353, the hospital operator or beeper. Any defective equipment will be tagged and will not be used until repaired.

2. Any injury to patients or personnel caused by a medical device should be reported according to safety policy #ME-08-002.