(A) Policy Statement

Guidelines shall be provided in the event a utility systems failure occurs in either the Hospital and/or the Heart and Vascular Center/Cardiology Clinic/Cardiovascular Research office.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure maximum safety of all personnel, patients, visitors and equipment.

(C) Procedure

1. Electrical Failure
   A. All employees should be aware of emergency power outlets in the rooms in which they work.
      1. Equipment should be turned off before plug goes into an emergency power outlet.
      2. Employees should be aware that there will be a short interruption of power when the switch to emergency power occurs.

2. Oxygen Failure
   A. In the event of failure of the oxygen system, portable oxygen tanks should be obtained from the Respiratory Therapy Department or in an emergency from the Code Cart.

3. Vacuum Failure
   A. In the event of failure of the vacuum system:
      1. During procedures, portable suction equipment must be obtained from Central Service or the procedure must be stopped until suction capability is made available.
      2. In general, patients requiring suctioning will not be brought into the Heart and Vascular Center area unless portable suction equipment is made available.

4. Other Systems Failure
   A. Refer to the Hospital Safety Manual.
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