Name of Policy: **Equipment Breakdown Policy Number:** 3364-118-08 **Department:** End Stage Renal Disease Program/ Hemodialysis (Nursing Service) Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Approving Officer: Responsible Effective Date: 10/1/2023 Nursing Director, Hemodialysis Unit Agent: Initial Effective Date: September, 1981 Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center New policy proposal **X** Minor/technical revision of existing policy Major revision of existing policy Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

Breakdown of equipment should be handled by a specific department or company to correct the problem.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To correct breakdown or dysfunction of equipment used in the unit.

(C) Procedure

- 1. Biomedical Equipment Dialysis machines, cardiac monitors, thermometer, Phoenix meter, reverse osmosis units, Crit Lines, Doppler, Aqua C UNO H reverse osmosis system.
 - a. Biomedical Engineering Services to be notified. They can be contacted at extension 4899 during the daytime working hours, Monday through Friday. After hours contact the on-call technician through the hospital operators (after authorization of night supervisor).
 - b. A Machine Problem Tag is to be filled out by the hemodialysis nurse with the date, description of problem, and when Bio-Med is notified. Bio-Med will report when the repair is made. This tag should be placed on the equipment in need of repair. After repair, the tag is filed in the Biomed Dept.
 - c. The Machine Problem Tag is to be attached to equipment which indicates it is not to be used until evaluated by a Bio-Med technician and determined to be appropriate for use.

2. Other electrical equipment

- a. If equipment is routinely obtained from Central Service, return equipment to Central Service with a tag that it is malfunctioning.
- b. Notify the Maintenance Department for any other electrical (or nonelectrical) equipment that needs to be checked or repaired.
- 3. Dialysis staff is not to attempt repairs.
- 4. In the event of a dialysis machine malfunction that requires immediate repair, the treatment will be terminated, and the patient moved to another machine. No Hemodialysis treatment is continued while a machine is under repair.

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		1983	7/05
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