(A) Policy Statement

In the event of loss of power or water in the Rehabilitation Services therapy treatment areas, patients will be treated in alternate locations if possible. If no alternate location is available, Rehabilitation Services treatments will not be rendered and employees will be sent home.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide a contingency plan for treatment of patients in the event of a loss of power or water.

(C) Procedure

In the event of the loss of power/water on the UTMC campus:

1. The Rehabilitation Services treatment areas do have lighting and some outlets which are on the emergency generator system. The lighting is adequate to allow for the safe removal of patients and staff from the area.

2. If the power is out in only one treatment area (acute or outpatient) services can be rendered in the other location, with patients transported by staff.

3. If power is available in patient rooms, the patients should be treated at the bedside, as effectively as possible.

4. If water is shut down, no whirlpool treatments or aquatic therapy will be rendered. Waterless hand cleaner will be used by employees between patients.