(A) Policy Statement

Small (E) Oxygen cylinders and gauges will be available on floors 3, 4, 5, & 6, and in most patient care areas for use when transporting patients. During critical situations, a Registered Nurse (RN) will also accompany the patient who requires hardwired cardiac monitoring.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To facilitate transport of patients with or without a RN, oxygen, and/or hard wired cardiac monitors.

(C) Procedure

1. The Nursing Unit will notify the transport dispatcher when a patient to be transported with a RN and hardwired cardiac monitor/O2 for a test or procedure.

2. The Transport will obtain an E-cylinder or liquid oxygen and gauge from the storage room.

3. Unit nursing personnel are responsible for placing, regulating and disconnecting the oxygen.

4. The transport personnel is responsible for returning the gauge and E-cylinder to the appropriate storage unit.

5. All employees are responsible for safe use and proper storage of O2 cylinders.

6. Unit personnel are responsible for disconnecting the monitor and the returning of it to the appropriate area.

Policies Superseded by This Policy: 13-01