(A) Policy Statement

Outpatients arriving on their own home oxygen tank should be placed on hospital \( O_2 \) as soon as possible to preserve their own supply for their trip home.

(B) Purpose of Policy

For safety of patients requiring oxygen enroute (back) to their home.

(C) Procedure

1. Outpatients arriving with their own \( O_2 \) tanks should be placed on hospital \( O_2 \) ASAP.
2. Home \( O_2 \) cylinders should be shut off (and reserved for their trip back home).
3. Wall \( O_2 \) is the preferred source, with E cylinders secondary
4. Transport Services can be contacted at Extension 5007 to assist in obtaining E cylinders, if necessary.