MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TRACER TOOL



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INDICATOR	Met	Not Met	Comments
POLICY			
The organization has a medical equipment maintenance			
program in place that ensures that equipment is safe to use			
during patient care.			
For deemed status organizations: All Medical equipment is			
included in a written inventory. The inventory identifies high-			
risk/critical equipment that includes all life support equipment			
and any other device where there is a risk of serious injury or			
death to a patient or staff member should it fail.			
For non-deemed status organizations: The organization			
maintains a written inventory of either all medical equipment			
or an inventory of select medical equipment categorized by			
physical risk that includes life-support equipment. New			
equipment is evaluated prior to initial use to determine if it will			
be included in the organization's inventory.			
Equipment is inspected and tested according to the			
manufacturer's Instructions for Use (IFU) prior to use on			
patients. Manufacturer IFUs are current and available for users and			
biomedical engineering staff.			
MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES			
Medical equipment and devices are maintained and in			
functional order. There is no damage to the equipment items			
inspected.			
Medical equipment maintenance activities are conducted following the manufacturer's IFU. This includes inspection,			
testing, and calibration. These activities are documented.			
(Select several equipment items and review documented			
maintenance activities for compliance)			
Maintenance activities are conducted at a frequency defined by			
the IFU.			
(Determine if the organization performs Alternative Equipment			
Maintenance (AEM) activities.) If AEM activities are performed,			
they do not impact equipment safety and are based on			
accepted standards of practice such as the American National			
Standards Institute/Association for the Advancement of			
Medical Instrumentation handbook ANSI/AAMI EQ56: 2013,			
Recommended Practice for a Medical Equipment Management			
Program. This may include reduced or altered maintenance			
tasks, relaxed frequencies of maintenance, and run-to-fail			
strategies. AEM maintenance activities and frequencies follow			
manufacturers' recommendations. AEM is not allowed for:			
Equipment subject to federal or state law or Medicare			
Conditions of Participation.			

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Imaging and radiologic equipment (diagnostic or			
therapeutic).			
Medical LASER devices.			
 New medical equipment with insufficient maintenance 			
history to support the AEM strategy.			
Devices used to maintain medical equipment are inspected,			
tested, and calibrated according to their respective IFU. These			
activities are documented per the organization's policy.			
Periodic functionality tests are conducted according to the IFU.			
These activities are documented per the organization's policies.			
This includes any quality control checks. (These activities are			
typically performed by the user in the patient care setting).			
Medical devices connected to the organization's network and/or intranet have been inspected to identify risks and			
hazards associated with cybersecurity vulnerabilities. This			
includes wireless devices. Medical equipment is included in the			
organization's Cybersecurity Plan.			
EQUIPMENT POWER	L		
If medical equipment is plugged into an electrical outlet and			
used in a patient care room/area, inside the patient			
care vicinity (The "patient care vicinity" is defined as a space,			
within a location intended for the examination and treatment of			
patients, extending 6 feet beyond the normal location of the			
bed, chair, table, treadmill, or other device that supports the			
patient during examination and treatment and extending			
vertically to 7-foot 6-inches above the floor.):			
 UL power strips must be permanently attached to a 			
rack-, table-, pedestal-, or cart-mounted & tested			
medical equipment assembly.			
Power strips providing power to medical equipment in a			
patient care room/area must be UL 1363A or UL 60601-			
1.			
 Power strips cannot be used for non-medical equipment. 			
If medical equipment is plugged into an electrical outlet and			
used in a patient care room/area, outside the patient care			
vicinity:			
UL power strips could be used for medical & non-			
medical equipment with precautions.			
• Power strips providing power to medical equipment in a			
patient care room/area must be UL 1363A or UL 60601-			
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 Power strips providing power to non-medical 			
equipment in a patient care room/area must be UL			
1363.			

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If medical equipment is plugged into an electrical outlet and not			
used in a patient care room/area, inside and outside the patient			
care vicinity:			
 UL power strips could be used with precautions 			
 Power strips providing power to non-medical 			
equipment in a patient care room/area must be UL			
1363.			
In non-patient care areas/rooms, other UL strips could be used			
with the general precautions.			
Critical equipment with/without battery power backup must be			
plugged into emergency power outlets to maintain function			
during power outages and maintain battery charge.			
TRAINING			
Staff are trained on the use of the medical equipment they use			
during the provision of medical care. This includes inspection,			
safe operation, periodic functionality checks, troubleshooting			
procedures, and the procedures to follow with equipment			
malfunction/damage.			
Biomedical staff who conduct maintenance activities are			
qualified to do so. This includes contracted services staff.			

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