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## 1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To provide safe and proper use of medical equipment used in critical areas such as ICU and OR.
- 1.2 To prevent using the cellular mobile phones especially in the critical areas as in ICU, MRI and OR for the safety of the patients staff.
- 1.3 To minimize the clinical and physical risks of equipment by ensuring the best Conditions in using the medical equipment.
- 1.4 To ensure obtaining the best results out from the medical equipment by providing the best environment using this equipment especially in the critical areas.

## 2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 **Restriction in Using Cellular Phones in Critical Areas** - in certain circumstances, the electromagnetic interference from mobile communication devices can interfere with some medical devices, particularly if used within 2 metres of such devices.

## 3. POLICY:

- 3.1 The policy of Maternity and Children Hospital, Hafer Al Batin defines on how to prevent using the cellular mobile phones in the critical areas inside the hospital such as Operating Room, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Room and Intensive Care Units.

## 4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 It is well known how are the medical equipment are very sensitive and how their results depending on the surroundings beside the equipment.
- 4.2 The medical equipment should be used in a quiet and away from any external interference.
- 4.3 The cellular phones are one of the prohibited interfering sources.
- 4.4 For the safe of the patients and for obtaining the best and optimum results from the medical equipment, it's forbidden to use the cellular phones inside the ICU and the OR either by the staff or by the visitors.
- 4.5 The security person will hold responsibility to the implement the policy to restrict the usage of cellular phones in the critical areas.
- 4.6 He will ask him to show his mobile phone and close it in front of him.
- 4.7 In addition to these restrict instructions, these are special warning signs pasted on the entrance door of these critical areas.
- 4.8 These warning signs contain drawing of the mobile phone in a clear manner to allow all the people with different cultures to see and to know the needed meaning which is prevention of using cellular mobile phones.

**5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:**

N/A

**6. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

6.1 All BioMedical Staff

**7. APPENDICES:**







N/A

**8. REFERENCES**

8.1 Total Safety Quality Center for Training and Consultancy ( TSQCTC)

8.2 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ministry of Health, Bisha General Hospital

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