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ELECTRICAL POWER OUTAGE

Purpose:

To assure Diagnostic Imaging has a functioning coordinated process to handle electrical power outages for short and long term periods.

Policy:

Diagnostic Imaging will notify Physical Plant of unscheduled electrical outages. Physical Plant will determine the approximate length of the outage and notify of Diagnostic Imaging their findings. Diagnostic Imaging will implement either short term or long term electrical outage policies as applicable. Stationary radiographic equipment are not on emergency power.

1. Determine which areas are affected.
2. Re-route patients to unaffected areas.
3. Postpone non-emergency radiographic procedures until adequate power is restored as needed.
4. Utilize mobile radiographic units to obtain emergency radiographs. Conserve battery power for producing radiographic exposures. If adequate power is not available to charge batteries of the mobile units, DO NOT use battery power to move units. Transport and move units manually.
5. Use the red electrical outlets, located throughout the hospital to charge the batteries when the hospital is on emergency power.
6. An electrical outage that results in the use of only emergency power affecting all areas of Diagnostic Imaging would severely limit the ability to provide adequate emergency services.
7. Fluoroscopic equipment for use in obtaining limited diagnostic information in extreme emergencies would be limited to the use of C-Arm equipment; provided the emergency power is adequate.
8. In the event of an extended electrical outage affecting all areas and rendering Diagnostic Imaging incapable of providing adequate services, patients will be referred to outside institutions per institutional agreements. This process will be initiated by Hospital Administration.

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