



Title: **Electrical Extension Cords**

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PURPOSE: To provide guidelines to for the proper use of electrical extension cords or devices within the Hospital.

SCOPE: Hospital wide.

DEFINITION:

Extension cords: Equipment intended to provide electric continuity from the plug of the line cord of an electrically-powered device to a receptacle which serves as a source of electrical power such as a wall mounted electrical receptacle.

POLICY:

I. Extension cord use:

- A. Extension cords are for temporary applications. At no time shall these cords be used as a permanent solution to extend conductivity to an electrical appliance.
- B. Extension cords, for temporary use, can only be used when:
 - 1. Cords are of the grounded and/or fused multi-outlet type.
 - 2. Proper patient care requires their use and a grounded and/or fused multi-outlet type is available.
- C. At no time shall electrical extension cords be used which allow multiple connection to an existing electrical outlet without the extension cord being appropriately used and grounded.
- D. At no time shall unfused electrical multiple outlet plugs be used.
- E. Three-to-two prong adapters are not permitted.
- F. Extension cords shall be adequately sized for the application to avoid overload.
- G. Extension cords shall not be “daisy-chained”, i.e. cords plugged into other cords.
- H. It shall be the user’s responsibility to periodically inspect the cord for any obvious damage or improper usage.

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