

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIO PULMONARY POLICY MANUAL
TROUBLESHOOTING IN-HOUSE PATIENT'S PACEMAKER**

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Purpose: To provide information regarding patient's device, the presence of arrhythmias, battery depletion or lead malfunction.

Procedure:

Personnel: Cardiologist, Pacemaker Nurse, or representative from PM Manufacturer.

Availability:

Monday through Friday – Call Clinic or vocera, 7:00am – 3:30pm. Voicemail messages are accepted on an ongoing basis – RN available Monday through Friday in Pacemaker Clinic. Contact the Cardiologist if the Pacemaker Clinician is not available and he will give further instructions.

- I. The physician's order for an evaluation will be obtained from the Multi Patient Task List in Cerner.
- II. Bedside Interrogation will be performed using the Programmer specific to Pacemaker. Merlin and Medtronic Programmers are available on the cart stored in the Cardio Pulmonary Department.
- III. Physician will be notified by staff member performing the evaluation and changes will be made as warranted.
- IV. The telemetry monitor technician will be made aware when testing is being performed and will be given a print-out of the current settings.
- V. Documentation will be made by the staff member performing the interrogation in Cerner Millennium Power Chart on a progress note.