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TITLE: POLICIES FOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOR PATIENTS IN ELECTRIC BEDS

1. When adjusting instrument controls, checking electrode placement, handling the patient, adjusting the bed, etc., do not touch electrical devices or metal surfaces of another piece of equipment with the other hand.
2. Always operate bed controls with dry hands and prevent water, saline, urine spills or soaked linen from contact with bed controls.
3. Always observe dangling power or patient cables, kinks in wires, loose plugs in wall receptacles, worn or frayed or warm wires. Report these to Maintenance Department immediately.
4. Plug and unplug bed carefully and as infrequently as possible—grasp by plug only, not cord—and always observe straight, tight pins, especially the ground pin.
5. All beds should have three prong hospital safety plugs.
6. Report incidences of failure to operate correctly, any feelings of “shock”, or evidence of overheating by touch or smell to Maintenance immediately. Unplug the bed and label, “**DO NOT USE**,” and reason until checked by Maintenance.
7. All beds are checked every six months for proper grounding and safety.
8. Monitors, telemetries, portable defib will be routinely checked by BioMedical Department.