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**PROCEDURE**  
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**TITLE: ELECTRIC OR TABLE USE**

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**PURPOSE:** To determine nursing role in using the electric OR table.

**SUPPORTIVE DATA:** OR tables provide an adjustable surface for access to anatomical locations on a patient's body for surgical intervention. The electrical OR table is fully automated and may be positioned by simply pressing the buttons on the hand control unit.

**EQUIPMENT LIST:** Amsco electric table located in Operation Room 1, 2 or 3.

**CONTENT:**

**PROCEDURE STEPS:**

**KEY POINTS:**

1. Electrical OR table should be plugged in at all times.
2. Turn hand control on and press floor lock before positioning patient or bed. Not locking OR table increases the patient's risk of fall and is dangerous.
3. Press the orient patient function button. Press the activate button that indicates the desired function of the table. This indicates if the bed is being used in normal or reverse function.
4. Place the hand control at the head of the bed. The anesthesiologist has easy access to controls.
5. Press the appropriate positioning button to correspond to the position you want the patient in.
6. Turn bed off at end of shift. To preserve battery.
7. Document positioning on OR record as well as any assistive positioning devices i.e. gel pads, foad pads, etc.

**DOCUMENTATION** On patient OR record

Document position of patient on OR table.

Reference: AMSCO Electric Table Manual