

Quick Overview of Privately Owned Medical Equipment – Policy 3.010

Two categories of equipment are affected by this policy:

1. Patient's Personal Medical Equipment: A physician's order, a visual inspection, and a signed consent and waiver are required for a patient to use their own personal medical equipment.
2. Associate, Physician, or other Non-Patient/Non-CHRISTUS Equipment: Prior to use of this equipment, administrative and clinical engineering evaluation is required.

Patient's personal medical equipment – Brief Procedures:

- Physicians: Document the suitability and prepare an order for the use of privately owned equipment.
- Nursing/appropriate clinical department: Obtain a signed consent form at admission or when starting equipment use.
- Clinical Engineering (business hours)/Nursing/Clinical Department (off-business hours): Perform and document a visual inspection.
- Administration: Verify and document staff's equipment operation training and experience, if patient/family requires CHRISTUS staff to support/use the equipment.

Equipment should operate consistent with intended purpose, be properly set/calibrated, and support treatment or prevent further deterioration of the patient. If the medical staff determine that it is in the patient's best interest; a patient may be placed on CHRISTUS-owned or an approved rental device.

Tools Provided: Consent Form

Policy 3.010 is available on the CHRISTUS Intranet – Guidelines and Procedures – Clinical Policies

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