

## **21. Preventive Maintenance of Patient Care Equipment**

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### **21.1 Purpose and Expected Results**

To provide safe and reliable treatment of the patient during transport to the hospital.

### **21.2 Circumstances of Applicability**

Anytime patient care equipment is used.

### **21.3 Requisites**

Patient care equipment

### **21.4 Procedure Description**

After each call of service, the crew shall inspect the equipment that was utilized for proper in-service operation. The Squad Captain or designee must be notified as soon as possible of any defects or deficiencies in equipment.

The Squad Captain or designee will provide preventive inspection and maintenance of equipment. The following list is not a limitation but a guide to inspection and preventive maintenance.

Inspection and maintenance should include, but not limited to:

- a) Inspection of monitor for breaks and fraying wires, and proper operation. Perform user tests/inspections as per manufacture specifications.
- b) Inspection of cot and cot holding devices for defects, and proper operation. Perform user tests/inspections as per manufacture specifications.
- c) Inspection of pulse ox equipment for breaks and fraying wires, and proper operation.
- d) Inspection of LP15/AED for proper operation. Perform user tests/inspections as per manufacture specifications.
- e) Inspection of mounted and portable oxygen regulators in all ambulances and first response vehicles for proper operation.
- f) Inspection of suction units both on board and portable for proper operation.

Any equipment that fails inspection will be immediately taken out of service, repaired to original condition or replaced.