

Portable Electronic Device Policy

PURPOSE

This policy addresses the use of personal mobile devices, also known as Portable Electronic Devices, in such a manner that does not interfere with patient care. Portable Electronic Devices including, but not limited to personal cell phones, tablets, earbuds, and smart watches have become predominate in our lives. Situations arise where staff use Portable Electronic Devices inappropriately around patients. This places patient safety and privacy at risk.

POLICY

Use of personal Portable Electronic Devices while on duty is strictly prohibited. All staff must secure their personal Portable Electronic Devices in such a manner that the devices do not distract, prohibit, or in any way impair the performance of their duties. Use of personal Portable Electronic Devices is authorized only during scheduled breaks, or to contact emergency response services such as fire, police, or 911. Failure to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Signature: _____

Date: _____