

Policy and Procedures

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Title: Patient Care Equipment

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Statement:

Cooperstown Medical Transport, Inc. (CMT) believes in maintaining its equipment in peak operating condition.

Purpose:

This policy provides direction on the maintenance of its patient care equipment.

Scope:

This policy applies to all CMT employees.

Policy:

1. All patient care equipment will be inspected daily. Refer to *Inventory Policy* and *Vehicle Condition* for further information.
2. All patient care equipment will be kept clean. Refer to *Cleanliness / Cleaning Schedule* and *Vehicle Condition* for further information.
3. Any failure of patient care equipment that caused harm, or could have caused harm, to a patient, will have an incident report filed by the crew. Refer to *Incident Reports* for further information.
 - a. Any patient care equipment failure that caused harm is reportable to NYS DOH. Refer to *Mandatory DOH Reporting* for further information.
4. All disposable equipment used on a patient will be disposed of. Refer to *Vehicle Condition* for further information.
5. Any glucometer that fails a test will be discarded.
6. Oxygen cylinders and regulators will be maintained as per *Oxygen Systems and Equipment*.
7. Any blood pressure cuff gauge that shows other than “zero” when not in use will be removed from service.
 - a. Depending on the type of gauge, it will either be “re-zeroed” or discarded.
8. The preventative maintenance of the following reusable equipment will be outsourced:
 - a. Stretcher
 - b. Stairchair
 - c. Oxygen cylinder
 - d. Fire extinguisher
 - e. Cardiac monitor / defibrillator