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Receptacle Buss use in Surgery Centers



As if you don't have enough to worry about. Now you have to deal with this NFPA regulation and the CMS Categorical Waiver. They are confusing and complicated. And compliance IS NOT an option.

Biomed Technologies has spent many hours interpreting and researching the NFPA regulation and the CMS Categorical Waiver. We have broken down each

piece and have a clear understanding of how to help you remain compliant in a cost-effective manner.

One important item to keep in mind is the Medical Grade Receptacle Buss itself only satisfies a portion of the regulation.

An on-site visit will be necessary. During the visit, we will discuss the regulation and waiver, and how it applies to your facility. You will have a Plain-English understanding of what is necessary. Next we will go into the OR, PACU, and other "Patient Care Vicinities" to identify how best to achieve compliance while

minimizing the impact on your processes. When a plan is agreed upon, we will then permanently mount the compliant receptacle buss in acceptable locations and tag all involved equipment. One of the most important components of compliance is our Safety Placard. That placard will help to meet some of the requirements.

Upon completion a quick review will be done to ensure there are no surprises the following morning.

Call us to schedule an appointment or answer any questions.

[Click here](#) to view the CMS waiver.

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Customer Longevity

We pride ourselves on providing the best biomedical services possible. However, as the saying goes, anyone can get a new customer, but can you keep them?

Last month, we dug a little deeper to answer that question. The results were quite humbling. Our longest running contract is with— **The Peer Group**. This year is our **24th year!** Thank you Peer Group.

OVER 20 YEARS
Affiliated Ambulatory Surgeons,
North Jersey Center for Surgery,
Saddle Brook Surgicenter,
Center for Special Surgery (Hawthorne),
Assoc. Surgeons of NNJ,
Garden State Surgical,
Bridgewater Dialysis.

And no, we are not perfect. Occasionally a contract is not renewed. Sometimes

though, the new provider doesn't work out.

Welcome Back
Dr. Zubowski
McBride Surgery Center.

We at Biomed Technologies value each and every facility we provide biomedical services to. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us.

In the next issue, we will continue to recognize you, our valued customers for your continued support.

Social Media

Why not tell the world what you think about Biomed Technologies? Follow and like us on our social

media sites. Simply click on an icon and you will be whisked to that page faster than you can

say, "Facebook".



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Batteries and Life Support Equipment



Nationally there has been a great deal of discussion about managing the batteries in medical equipment, especially for "Life Support" equipment.

Weak or dead batteries in medical equipment is not acceptable. Even with a back-up generator, these batteries serve a vital function. When there is a power failure, it takes roughly 8-seconds for generator power to be supplied. These batteries will provide continuous uninterrupted power and

prevent the device from having to be rebooted during use.

Several years ago, Biomed Technologies began phasing-in a Battery Management Program to help ensure weak or dead batteries will not impact patient care.

Batteries in Life Support equipment are replaced on a regularly scheduled basis. The program started with Anesthesia Machines. In January 2014, the program expanded to include Defibrillators, AEDs, and Ventilator batteries in all of our surgery center customers equipment. In March 2015, the final phase begins. The program will include all other customer segments, including our

Kidney Dialysis Centers.

In an effort to keep the cost to a minimum, we are replacing them during your Inspection so the only cost will be for the battery itself.

Many other medical devices have batteries in them. If batteries are neglected, they can cause several other device problems, including fire.

We have had nothing but positive feedback on this program. Please call if you have any questions.

In the next issue of this newsletter, we will discuss more about batteries in other medical devices.

Employee Spotlight - Tony Watkins



As the Anesthesia Specialist at Biomed Technologies for the last 4 years, Tony provides preventative maintenance and service on all types of anesthetic

delivery systems and gas monitoring equipment used in hospital operating rooms and surgery centers.

Tony is manufacturer trained and certified on Datex-Ohmeda, Drager, Penlon and Mindray anesthesia units and has previously held several positions at Datex-Ohmeda including Field Engineer, Customer Service Rep, Team Leader and Supply and Accessories Sales Rep. Tony began

his career over 25 years ago as a combat medic/EMT in the Army and received his biomedical equipment training through the military.

Tony lives in Sparta, NJ where he enjoys mountain biking, dirt biking, camping and other outdoor activities. He moved there from Vermont where he spent his spare time as a mountain bike coach and trail builder in the summer and a ski coach in the winter at Sugarbush Resort.

Equipment Recycling



Properly disposing of old medical equipment can be expensive and time-consuming.

Many of our customers have asked us to dispose of their old

equipment after purchasing something new. Lately those requests have increased. We are starting a 3-month pilot program to accept electronic waste. Medical equipment, office equipment, batteries (lead-acid and Lithium), etc. While we cannot make a spe-

cial trip for pick-up, we can take it while we are at your facility performing service or perhaps during the incoming inspection of new equipment.

Please call or email any questions.



Recent reports say there may be more than **7000 homeless military veterans** in New Jersey alone. That is a staggering number. These Heroes and

their families need our help now to survive the winter. Please, click the link to learn more about this wonderful organization and about our

homeless vets. Then let's show our thanks and compassion during this bitter-cold winter

www.OperationChillout.org