

# 1 Cell Phones in Clinical Areas

## Policy Statement

Cell phones may not be used (i.e. turned off) within 1 metre of any item of medical equipment or in any location that might cause annoyance or pose a breach of privacy.

## Scope

All cell phones used by staff, patients, contractors and visitors within Canterbury DHB hospital facilities.

This policy does not apply to:

- All in-house telepagers and pagers which are radio receivers only. They are not transmitting devices and are inherently safe in all areas.
- the use of Walkie-Talkies.

## Reference Document

ECRI. Cellphones and Electromagnetic Interferences Revisited [Guidance Article]. Health Devices, December 2006, p449-456.

<b>Policy Owner</b>	Clinical Board
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