

Memorandum

Date: June 1, 2009
 To: All PBME staff
 From: Michael Cusack, for PBME Equipment Management Committee
 Subject: Scales Risk Class Changes

Last year the EMC changed the risk classes of certain SCALE device types in AMM. Several years ago all scales were classified as Low risk devices. After evaluating work order data the EMC decided to return certain types of scales to Normal risk. This memo is to ensure that the more recent changes have been fully implemented across the hospitals. Below is a summary of device types and appropriate risk classes:

<u>Device type</u>	<u>Old risk class</u>	<u>New risk class</u>	<u>Notes</u>
SCALE, BED	n/a	n/a	no active equipment since 2006
SCALE, PATIENT	Normal	Low	adult scales
SCALE, PEDIATRIC	Normal	Normal	no change
SCALE, SPECIMEN	Low	Normal	formerly called SCALE, NON-PATIENT; includes diaper scales; 12-month interval

In the last few months the EMC further analyzed the decision to classify PATIENT scales as Low risk, and confirmed the earlier decision.

The changes will be made in AMM on July 1. All BMETs should do the following by then:

1. Review your equipment lists to identify any scales that are assigned to you.
2. For all PATIENT (adult) scales, remove the green SM label and apply a yellow inspection label.
3. For all SPECIMEN (lab and diaper) scales, remove the yellow inspection label, perform an SM of the device, and apply a green SM label.
4. Return an inventory list of your patient and specimen scales with each device checked off, indicating that you have done the work.

If you have any questions contact Michael Cusack.

Committee approval dates

PBME EMC: 8/14/2008
 MGH MEMC: not required
 BWH MEMC: not required

Additional information:

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