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POLICY

It is the policy of Johns Hopkins to restrict the use of ether, so that potential health, fire and explosion hazards associated with the use and disposal of ether is minimized.

The use of ether for anesthesia of patients is prohibited. The use of ether in any patient care area shall be subject to case-by-case review and requires approval of the Executive Director, Health, Safety and Environment or designee.

All ether must be labeled with the date received and date opened. Ether must be discarded within one year of receipt, and within six months after opening. Ether must be disposed via the HSE Hazardous Materials Program.

Residual ether shall not be disposed of by open vaporization. Waste or excess ether shall be treated as a hazardous chemical and disposed of through the Johns Hopkins Hazardous Material Disposal Program.

REFERENCES

Johns Hopkins Safety Manual: Management of Hazardous Chemicals, HSE 703

RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal Investigator / Departmental Management	Assure proper use, handling and disposal of ether.
Health, Safety and Environment	Monitor the use of ether on environmental surveys. Grant or deny written requests to use ether in patient care areas.

REVIEW CYCLE

Every three years.