**Medical Laser Procedures - Foot Pedal Placement**

*Purpose*: To decrease the chance of accidental pedal activation during laser procedures.

The laser foot-pedal is controlled and activated by the operating physician.

1. The guarded laser foot pedal will be identified verbally by the laser team members as it is being placed on the floor for the operating physician to use.
2. The smoke evacuation foot pedal (if available) will be placed so that it can be activated by the scrub nurse or technician.
3. All other foot pedals will be identified and placed in an appropriate area to decrease confusion during laser procedures.
4. No foot pedals will be placed on or near liquids so as to minimize electrical hazards.
5. All foot pedal electrical wiring must be inspected before each use for fraying or breaks that could lead to electrical shock or fire.