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**I. PURPOSE:** Gritman Medical Center provides free Internet access through wireless (i.e. WiFi) “hot spots” for the convenience of its patients and guests. The policy governing its’ use is described here.

**II. POLICY:** Gritman Medical Center will provide free Internet access points or “hot spots” for patients and visitors with portable computers or devices capable of receiving wireless signals. These access points will allow users to access the Internet from their laptop computers when sitting within range of the access points.

Hospital staff will provide general information on the settings necessary to access the Internet via these connections, but are not responsible for any changes users make to their computer settings and cannot guarantee that a user’s hardware will work with the hospital’s wireless connection.

If a user has problems accessing the Internet over these WiFi connections, staff cannot assist in making changes to the user’s network settings or perform any troubleshooting on the user’s own computer. Users should refer to their owners’ manuals or other support services offered by their device manufacturer.

As with most public wireless “hot spots,” the hospital’s wireless connection is not secure. There can be non-trustworthy third parties between the user and anybody with whom the user communicates. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another wireless user. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit their credit card information, passwords and any other sensitive personal information while using any wireless “hot spot.”

The hospital will not be responsible for any personal information (e.g. credit card) that is compromised, or for any damage caused to your hardware or software due to electric surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking. All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their personal laptop computers or wireless devices.

The hospital provides access only to Web-based email. For Microsoft Outlook or other email applications, the user must connect with his or her own Internet provider.

Printers are not available via the wireless connection at this time. If users need to print, they should save their work to a portable storage device (e.g. floppy disk or thumb drive) or wait to print a document on a home printer. An alternative is to email files to themselves, then print on return home or to the office.

Use of these access points is governed by Gritman Medical Center's Information Systems Use Policy. All users are expected to use the hospital's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the educational, convenience, and informational purposes for which it is provided. Users should not violate federal, Idaho or local laws, including the transmission or receiving of child pornography or harmful material, fraud, or downloading copyrighted material.

Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the hospital's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.