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Instrument Care and Cleaning Through Decontamination, 32.11.02

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DESCRIPTION:

This document provides guidelines to assist Sterile Processing staff in decontaminating and preparing surgical instruments and powered equipment for terminal sterilization and disinfection.

PURPOSE:

To ensure instruments, equipment and case carts are efficiently and effectively decontaminated.

SCOPE:

Begins with the receipt of the contaminated item ending with the start of the wash cycle.

GENERAL:

- a. All items received into Decontamination shall be considered contaminated and require cleaning.
- b. All items transported to the SPD Decontamination area shall be covered and contained to prevent exposure of patients or personnel to blood borne pathogens and other potentially infectious organisms.
- c. Upon entrance to Decontamination, SPD Techs must wash their hands.
- d. SPD Staff handling contaminated instruments and equipment shall wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including face mask, hair cover, boot covers, an impervious gown, and gloves.
- e. SPD Staff prepares decontamination room before and after their shift.
 1. Disinfects counters, sinks, and all surface areas.
 2. Dispose of any trash.
 3. Restock any supplies that may be needed.
 4. Clean screens of washers / cart wash
 5. Fill and degas ultrasonics
- f. Items received shall be decontaminated according to manufacturers' instructions (IFU) regarding types of

cleaning agents used (Enzymatic preparations, Detergents) and types of cleaning methods (Manual, Automated).

- g. Instruments shall be arranged into trays for optimal cleaning and drying
- h. Washer racks will be loaded to facilitate the most surface area contact possible.
- i. Special precautions shall be taken for reprocessing ophthalmic surgical instruments to prevent contaminants being introduced into the eye during surgery (refer to Standards of Work for Decontamination for more information)

(For further information on Decontamination processes refer to the Standards of Work)

Attachments

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