


Name of Policy: <u>Operating Room Infection Control</u> Policy Number: 3364-124-12 Department: Nursing Service/Operating Room Approving Officer: Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Responsible Agent: Director of Surgical Services Scope: Operating Room (OR)/Perioperative Services	 Effective Date: 12/31/2022 Initial Effective Date: April 1, 1981				
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(A) Policy Statement

Criteria for infection control will be followed in the operating room. Standard precautions will be always followed per policy 3364-109-ISO-401.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide every patient undergoing surgical intervention the same degree of safety and precaution.
 To contain and confine potentially harmful organisms on all surgical procedures.
 To prevent cross-contamination within the operating room.
 To provide protection for all personnel.

(C) Classification of Tasks

Categorization of risk classification for all routine and reasonably anticipated job-related tasks.

- Category I: Tasks that involve exposure to blood, body fluids, or tissues. OR personnel performing these tasks are:
- Staff nurses and surgical technologists
 - Handling surgical implements
 - Handling specimens
 - Perioperative Technicians
 - Disposal of post-op wastes (liquids, solids, sharps, etc.)
 - Transport of specimens, blood, and blood products
 - Cleaning of OR equipment
- Category II: Tasks that involve no exposure to blood, body fluid, or tissues, but may require performing unplanned category I tasks. OR personnel performing these tasks are:
- Unit secretaries
 - Transport of specimens, blood, or blood products.
- Category III: Tasks that involve no exposure to blood, body fluids, or tissues, and Category I tasks are not a condition of employment
- OR Data Systems Coordinator.

(D) Procedure

- Storage of sterile supplies will be as described in policy no: 3364-124-21Storage of Sterile Supplies.

2. All personnel entering the Operating Suite will be attired in proper apparel as described in “Operating Room Attire Guidelines”.
3. The Operations Supervisor or designee will monitor employee health daily. Case assignments will be made accordingly. Consideration:
 - a. personnel with open and potentially infected wounds shall not be assigned to scrub.
 - b. personnel receiving wounds (e.g., needle sticks, cuts, etc.) will report the incident to the Operations Supervisor and complete an Occurrence Report and report to the Emergency Department.

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