Name of Policy: Operating Room Infection Control
Policy Number: 3364-124-12
Department: Nursing Service/Operating Room
Approving Officer: Nurse Manager Operating Room
Responsible Agent: Chief Nursing Officer/CNO
Scope: Operating Room (OR)/Perioperative Services

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(A) Policy Statement

Criteria for infection control will be followed in the OR. Standard precautions will be followed at all times 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, while preventing cross-contamination within the OR suite, and 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:
1. Staff nurses and surgical technologists
   ▪ Handling surgical implements
   ▪ Handling specimens
2. 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:
1. 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
1. OR Data Systems Coordinator.

(D) Procedure

1. Strict adherence to established traffic patterns will be expected of all personnel entering the Operating Room Suite per policy no: 3364-124-22.
2. Storage of sterile supplies will be as described in policy no: 3364-124-21
3. All personnel entering the operating suite will be attired in proper OR apparel. See Operating Room Attire Guideline.

4. The Operations Supervisor or designee will monitor employee health on a daily basis. 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. Depending on the nature of the wound, the employee might be sent to the Emergency Room.

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