

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER STERILE PROCESSING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT: DECONTAMINATION OF CASE CARTS**

**PROCEDURE NO: SP2-3**

## **PROCEDURE STATEMENT**

Sterile Processing will decontaminate and disinfect all case carts between cases using an automated cart washer.

## **PURPOSE OF PROCEDURE**

To provide a clean case cart ready for use in the O.R.

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1. Remove everything from case cart. Remove all papers and tape from exterior of the cart.
2. Load carts into cart washer and run through one full cycle.
3. On completion of the cycle remove carts from cart washer into the drying room. Dry all parts with a soft lint free towel if needed.
4. Place clean carts in the clean case cart depot.
5. In the event the cart washer is down. All carts will be wiped down top to bottom with Hospital approved disinfection wipe.

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