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A Quick Welcome to the Sterile Processing Department

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One Integrated Approach to Healthcare.

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Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Describe the various activities performed by healthcare professionals working in sterile processing departments.
- Identify specific activities necessary for the development of policies and procedures.

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Importance of Sterile Processing

- Central hub of healthcare facility
- Efforts effect virtually every patient in facility



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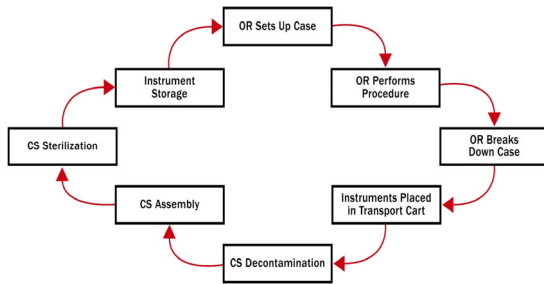
Sterile Processing Personnel Challenges

- Low priority and misunderstood
- Time demands
- Intimidation
- No formal sterile processing education



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Understand the Flow



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Point of Use

- OR, L&D and Clinics
- At the point of use:
 - Separate disposable from reusable, including sharps
 - Keep instruments moist
 - Pretreat per ST79
 - Prepare for transport

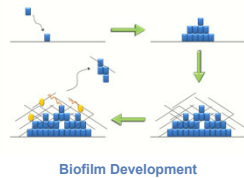


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Decontamination Delay

Delays in transport:

- Dried debris difficult to clean
- Development of biofilm
- Damage to passivation layer of surgical instruments



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Physical Environment

Traffic Patterns



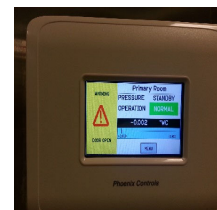
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Lighting



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Ventilation



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Smooth Surfaces

- Floors, walls, ceilings
- Work surfaces
- Compatible with cleaning chemicals

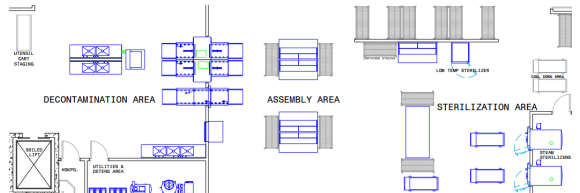


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Work Flow

“The decontamination area should be physically separated from all other areas of processing department...”

— AAMI ST79



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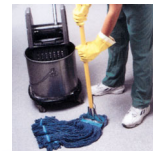
Employee Safety

- PPE
- Hand Hygiene
- Emergency Eyewash Equipment

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Environmental Service

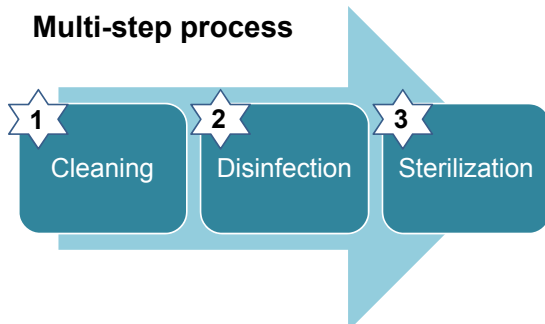
- Daily cleaning/disinfection of floors and horizontal surfaces
- Sequence cleaning from clean → dirty
- Keep separate cleaning supplies



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Decontamination

Multi-step process



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Microbicidal Processes

- Designed to provide a particular level of lethality (kill)
- Depending on the level of decontamination disinfection or sterilization may be used



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Manual vs. Automated Cleaning

Manual Cleaning

- **First:** soak
- **Second:** wash
- **Third:** rinse/treated water



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Assembly Area

Instrument Inspection

- Clean
- Working order



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Packaging

- Peel pouches
- Sterilization wrap
- Rigid sterilization containers



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Loading the Sterilizer Cart

- Do not overload
- Basins positioned for drainage
- Packages should never contact sterilizer chamber walls



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Sterilization

- Testing requirements
- Monitoring practices
- Record keeping practices
- Failure investigation
- Extended cycles



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Equipment Monitoring

- Routine maintenance
- Preventative/breakdown maintenance
- Maintenance records



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Routine Monitoring

- Bowie-Dick air removal test
 - Prevacuum cycles
- Biological testing
- Other testing
 - Following installation, relocation or major repairs

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Chemical Indicators

- Six types
- Three categories
 - Exposure
 - Special applications
 - Internal
- FDA recognizes only Types 1, 2 and 6
- Each Type has different performance specifications

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Process Control

Lot control label



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Load Release (Non-Implant Loads)

At the end of the cycle:

- Review cycle print out tape
- Review external chemical indicator

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Product Recalls

- In the event of a recall:
 - Recall all items from affected loads
 - Reprocess all items
- Clear, written policies and procedures



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Action Plan

- Survey sterile processing departments routinely
 - Standards compliance
 - Industry recommended practice compliance
- Approach systematically
- Collaboration between departments

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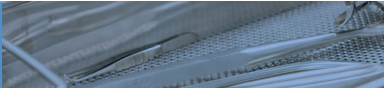
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