



Procedure # & Title: CC.10.002.01 Surgical Attire: Regulation for
Policy # & Title: CC.10.002 Asepsis, Cleaning Disinfection, and Sterilization
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Purpose: To lesson the risk of health care workers within the Operating Room to serve as a potential source of infection and to enhance a safe environment for the surgical patient, all personnel entering the semi-restricted and restricted areas of the surgical suite will be clothed in scrub clothing or a cover gown, head covering etc.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Both physicians' and nurses' locker rooms are entered from the lounge side. Both areas contain a room with lockers for street clothing, lockers with clean scrub attire, a rest room with toilets, sinks and showers. The dressing rooms also open directly into the surgical suite corridor, a semi-restricted area.

Surgeons, sales representatives or other hospital personnel wishing to contact Operating Room personnel without changing clothing may do so by entering the Operating Room Suite from the main corridor of the hospital and proceeding to the Operating Room Office and will not proceed beyond the designated semi-restricted or restricted areas unless dressed in appropriate surgical attire. Key cards are required to gain access to this area.

Only authorized personnel may enter the surgical suite (including X-ray, Laboratory and Maintenance personnel, Supervisors). Those entering are expected to don appropriate surgical attire (scrub clothing or cover suit).

SURGICAL ATTIRE FOR SEMIRESTRICTED & RESTRICTED AREA(S)

Scrub suits and Scrub Attire

Operating Room Personnel and Physicians don facility approved freshly laundered clean surgical attire in locker room before entering the semi-restricted or restricted areas of the surgical suite.

If a two-piece pantsuit is worn, the top of the scrub must be secured at the waist, tucked into the pants or fit close to the body.

Surgical attire must be changed daily or whenever it becomes visibly soiled, contaminated or wet. Worn surgical attire must be placed in appropriately designated laundry hampers for laundering and not hung or placed in a locker for wearing at another time.

Shoes

Shoe covers are available to cover shoes if there is a reasonably anticipated chance for splashes or spills. If shoe covers are worn they should be changed whenever they become torn, wet, or soiled, and they should be discarded in a designated container before leaving the surgical area.

Shoes worn within the surgical environment should be clean with no visible soiling and should provide protection. Cloth or open toed shoes do not offer protection against spills or sharp items that may be dropped or kicked. Shoes should have closed toes and low heels to minimize the risk of injury.

Headgear

A clean surgical hat or hood with all head and facial hair completely covered including sideburns and necklines must be worn at all times. Disposable bouffant or hood-style covers are preferred. Skullcaps that fail to cover the side hair above the ears and hair at the nape of the neck may not be worn.

Single-use headgear must be removed and discarded as soon as possible after daily use. Reusable hoods must be laundered after each use daily.

Eye Protection

Protective eye wear or face shields must be worn for procedures that commonly result in the generation of droplets, splashing of blood or other body fluids, or the generation of bone chips. (See Policy #CC.10.005 & CC10.006).

Masks

A disposable single use surgical mask must be worn in surgical environments where open sterile supplies or scrubbed persons are located. It must cover both the nose and the mouth and be secured in a manner that prevents venting. The mask should be changed when wet and must not be left hanging around the neck. Masks are to be removed before leaving the Operating Room Suite.

Following a grossly contaminated case, all personnel must change scrub clothing before proceeding to another case.

Jewelry and Watches

Rings must be removed from hands; other jewelry (e.g., watches, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, piercing) must be removed or totally confined within the scrub attire.

Gloves

Sterile gloves must be used when performing sterile procedures; non sterile gloves for all other Activities in situations required when there is potential or actual transmission of blood and body fluids.

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Housekeeping Personnel

All Housekeeping personnel must wear clean scrubs and shoe covers when entering the Operating Room Suite to perform daily housekeeping routines.

PPE FOR OR PERSONNEL

Protective barriers must be available to reduce the risk of exposure to potentially infectious materials. All personnel will follow the required PPE – See Standard Precautions & Transmission-based Precautions CC.10.005 & Exposure Control Plan CC.10.006.

References:

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