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## 1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To decrease the potential for contamination.
- 1.2 To minimize the number of people on operating room and its movement.

## 2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 **Traffic Control** – it is the movement of patients, personnel and equipment, into, through and out defined areas within the Theatre Suite.

## 3. POLICY:

- 3.1 Only essential personnel should be allowed inside the operating room.
- 3.2 The amount of activity increase as the number of people present increase.

## 4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 **Un – Restricted** – casual clothes are permitted in this area, and the area provides access to communication with personnel within the suite. This area includes dressing rooms, and receiving area
  - 4.1.1 Monitor the entrance of personnel and materials.
- 4.2 **Semi – Restricted** – Proper operating room attire (scrub suit, head cover) must be worn in this area and the area provides access to the procedure rooms within the surgical suite. Traffic control must be imposed to prevent violation in this area by unauthorized personnel. This area includes storage area for clean and sterile supplies, corridors leading to procedure rooms.
  - 4.2.1 Peripheral support areas, storage areas for clean and sterile supplies, work areas for the processing and storage of instruments.
  - 4.2.2 Keep the doors to the theatre closed.
  - 4.2.3 Movement of personnel, talking and the number of people present are kept to a minimum level.
  - 4.2.4 Separate clean, non-sterile supplies to avoid contamination.
  - 4.2.5 Place all contaminated items in yellow plastic bags.
  - 4.2.6 Damp dusted with an appropriate cleaning agent, all equipment from outside the theatre suite.
- 4.3 **Restricted** – Proper attire including mask must be worn in this area since this area requires maximum protection from possible contamination (Operating Room).
  - 4.3.1 Patients are to be transported to the operating room theatre suite on trolleys or beds that have been cleaned prior to transport.
  - 4.3.2 Keep the doors to the theatre closed, except during movement of patients, personnel, supplies and equipment.
  - 4.3.3 During a procedure, talking and the number of people present are kept to a minimum.
  - 4.4.4 Separate the clean, non-sterile supplies to avoid contamination covered in plastic bags the soiled items and garbage nags from the individual theatres.
  - 4.4.5 Place the carts containing soiled linen or garbage at the back in the hallway adjacent to the utility room.
  - 4.4.6 Place the carts containing soiled items and instruments in yellow plastic bags.



- 4.4.7 Equipment from outside the Theatre Suite, such as new furniture, must be damp dusted with and appropriate cleaning agent in the unrestricted area prior to being brought into the Operating Room.
- 4.4.8 Damp with an appropriate cleaning agents, all equipment from outside the theatre suite.

## 5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

- 5.1 Scrub Suits
- 5.2 Clean Slippers, Caps, Mask
- 5.3 Equipment for Cleaning
- 5.4 Disinfectant Solutions

## 6. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 6.1 Nurse
- 6.2 Anesthesiologist
- 6.3 Surgeon

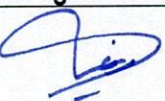

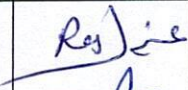
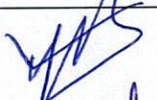


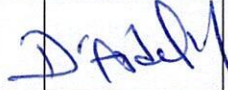

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