

Overview

This standard covers preparing and dressing correctly to undertake a 'scrubbed' role within the perioperative team.

All actions and decisions should be carried out in accordance with current legislation, organisational policies, clinical protocols, and professional standards relevant to perioperative practice

Users of this standard will need to communicate effectively to meet individuals' needs and wishes and work in line with health and safety legislation, policy and practices.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1. access and accurately interpret all relevant work instructions and information
- P2. identify and minimise hazards and risk in the workplace
- P3. deal promptly and effectively with any problems within your control and report those which cannot be solved
- P4. wash and dry your hands and arms effectively in accordance with organisational policies and protocols
- P5. select and put on all relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in accordance with organisational procedure
- P6. remove and dispose of all used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in a way which minimises the risk of cross-infection

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1. the current legislation, local guidelines, policies, procedures and protocols which are relevant to your work practice and to which you must adhere
- K2. the scope and limitations of your own competence, responsibilities and accountability as it applies to your job role
- K3. how to access and interpret all relevant work instructions and information
- K4. specific procedures for reporting issues which are beyond your competence, responsibilities and accountability
- K5. the hazards and risks which may arise during the execution of your work role and how you can minimise these
- K6. the correct selection and use of any equipment and PPE to protect the health and safety of you and others
- K7. the importance of, and techniques for:
 - a. washing and drying hands and arms in preparation for the scrubbed role
 - b. selecting and putting on suitable size sterile gown and gloves
 - c. removal and disposal of used, soiled and damaged personal protective clothing, both re-usable and single use
- K8. factors which affect the choice of clothing for different procedures
- K9. requirements for use and maintenance of protective equipment when working with risks associated with lasers, radiation, chemicals and body fluids
- K10. how the correct use of personal protective equipment for the scrubbed role contributes to maintenance of the sterile field
- K11. your responsibility to ensure that the relevant practitioner assisting you to prepare and dress in relevant PPE does not compromise sterility of the items.

Prepare and dress for scrubbed clinical roles

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