

Surgical Vascular Laboratory

1. The hospital policy manual is followed.
2. Standard precautions are used in all patient care situations.
3. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is readily available for health care personnel.
4. Handwashing is carried out according to the hospital policy, (i.e., between patients and between clean and dirty procedures). Alcohol based hand sanitizer is available.
5. Equipment is cleaned with a hospital approved disinfectant and linens changed between patients.
6. Clean linen is stored in a covered container. Used linen is placed in a laundry bag and sent via chute to Laundry. Linen contaminated with blood/body fluids that can be expressed out should be placed in a clear plastic bag and then in to a laundry bag and sent via chute to Laundry.
7. The *Infection Control Bit* which contains the Bloodborne Pathogens Control Plan, TB Control Plan, and the Isolation Guidelines is followed.
 - A. If a patient has a disease spread by the respiratory route, i.e., TB or chickenpox, the equipment used is taken to the isolated patient's room. Submicron masks are worn by personnel during the procedure.
 - B. Exams are performed at the patient's bedside if the patient is in resistant microbe isolation.
 - C. Environmental Services is notified to clean the vascular lab room if contamination from blood or body fluids occurs.
8. The Occupational Health guidelines are followed.
9. Environmental Services cleans the area daily on the 3-11 shift.
10. Environmental Services is notified to clean up spills of blood and body fluids.
11. Processing of Probe:
 - A. When a probe is used on intact skin it is cleaned with an approved housekeeping disinfectant between patients.
 - B. If the probe is used on non-intact skin, it is cleaned with the housekeeping disinfectant and sent to Central Medical Supply for high level disinfection with glutaraldehyde.
 - C. High level disinfection is not carried out in this area.
12. If there are questions, the Infection Control Practitioner is notified.

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