SFHPCS2 - SQA Code HD00 04
Contribute to the safe use of medical devices in the perioperative environment

Overview

This standard covers the safe use of medical devices in relation to the maintenance of asepsis, the control of cross-infection, decontamination and sterilisation processes within the perioperative care environment. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 apply standard precautions for infection prevention and control and other appropriate health and safety measures
- P2 check, handle and store packs delivered from sterile services or the manufacturer in the agreed place and record delivery in the appropriate documentation
- P3 use packs in strict rotation and report shortages of supplies to the appropriate person
- P4 check equipment, instruments and soft pack items and confirm they are free from damage
- P5 recognize when a sterile pack is unsuitable for use, return the pack to the appropriate department or manufacturer and complete the appropriate documentation
- P6 check instrument trays before and after use with a designated person, confirm that they contain the specified items and complete required documentation
- P7 accurately report any missing equipment to an appropriate person
- P8 locate and replace any objects that are missing from instrument trays and report accurately to an appropriate person
- P9 identify and report any equipment, instruments or soft pack items, where you have found faults in them and report accurately to an appropriate person
- P10 after use, collect, sort and store items to be decontaminated and sterilised in an appropriate and safe manner according to schedule
- P11 place empty pack containers, trays and used medical devices in the appropriate place for collection
- P12 account for disposable items and dispose of them appropriately, following organisational policy
- P13 carry out delegated activities to comply with traceability systems

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 the current European and National legislation, national guidelines, organisational policies and protocols in accordance with Clinical/Corporate Governance which affect your work practice in relation to contributing to the safe use of medical devices in the perioperative environment

K2 your responsibilities and accountability in relation to the current European and National legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols and Clinical/Corporate Governance

K3 the duty to report any acts or omissions in care that could be detrimental to yourself, other individuals or your employer

K4 the importance of working within your own sphere of competence and seeking advice when faced with situations outside your sphere of competence

K5 the principles and causes of infection and cross-infection

K6 the application of standard precautions for infection control and other relevant health and safety issues and the potential consequences of poor practice

K7 decontamination and sterilisation processes

K8 how to recognise that a theatre tray or supplementary equipment and packs are sterile

K9 how to inspect the integrity of equipment, instruments and soft packs, and the types of damage and fault to look out for

K10 the potential risks of using damaged sterile pre-packed items

K11 where and how to dispose of used, dirty and damaged equipment, instruments and soft packs, (both re-usable and single-use)

K12 the different types of waste and spillage, and how to dispose of each type

K13 methods for sorting and disposing or storing of contaminated and non-contaminated equipment prior to processing

K14 the importance of reporting damaged or missing items, and procedures for doing this

K15 the importance of traceability systems for theatre instruments

K16 the importance of immediately reporting any issues which are outside your own sphere of competence without delay to the relevant member of staff

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Additional Information

External links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB7 Interventions and treatments

The candidate and assessor must only sign below when all Performance Criteria and Knowledge points have been met.

Unit assessed as being complete

Candidate's Name:	
Candidate's Signature:	
Date submitted to assessor as complete:	

Assessor's Name:	
Assessor's Signature:	
Date assessed as complete:	

Internal Verification —

to be completed in accordance with centre's IV strategy

Evidence for this Unit was sampled on the following date/s:	**IV's Signature**	**IV's Name**

This Unit has been subject to an admin check in keeping with the centre's IV strategy.

Date of admin check	**IV's Signature**	**IV's Name**

Unit completion confirmed

IV's Name:	
IV's Signature:	
Date complete:	