



Transporting Contaminated Items To CSSD Procedure

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1. Purpose

This Procedure outlines the process to be undertaken throughout West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) when contaminated items and equipment are to be transported to CSSD.

2. Application

This Procedure is to be followed by all clinical staff throughout West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB).

3. Definitions

There are no definitions associated this Procedure:

4. Responsibilities

For the purposes of this Procedure:

Clinical Nurse Specialist - Infection Control is required to:

- oversee all aspects of this Procedure;
- monitor the performance of WCDHB staff members in relation to this Procedure.

Staff Members are required to:

- ensure they abide by the requirements of this Procedure;
- abide by all WCDHB Infection Control Policy and Procedures;
- abide by all WCDHB Health and Safety Policy and Procedure.

5. Resources Required

This Procedure requires:

- i) Gloves, apron, eye protection, mask
- ii) Rigid sided, sealable and puncture-resistant container.
(When broken these need to be replaced by ward or dept using them.)
- iii) Warm water, cloth for wiping

6. Process

1.00 It is important that items that have contact with blood or body fluids are respected as having the potential to transmit blood born conditions such as Hepatitis B, C, HIV, or significant micro-organism. By adequate containment practice this is substantially minimised and the integrity of the instruments and equipment is maintained.

1.01 When sending instruments or equipment to CSSD for sterilization Standard Precautions are to be followed when anticipating any contact with blood or body fluids, i.e. gloves, aprons, eye protection and mask (as appropriate).

1.02 Before returning used items intended for reuse to the sterilizing processing facility, personnel shall remove gross residual soil as close to the point of use, as soon as possible.

1.03 Place item in a rigid sided, sealable and puncture resistant container.



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1.04 Forward to CSSD as per routine transportation systems.

7. Precautions and Considerations

- ➔ When sending instruments or equipment to CSSD for sterilization Standard Precautions are to be followed
- ➔ Item is to be placed into a rigid sided, sealable and puncture resistant container and sent to CSSD

8. References

New Zealand Standard – Infection Control (NZS 8142:2008)

New Zealand Standard – Cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing reusable instruments and equipment, and maintenance of associated environments in health care facilities. AS/NZS 4187:2003

9. Related Documents

West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) Infection Control Procedure Manual

WCDHB Health and Safety Policy and Procedure Manual

WCDHB Accident/Incident Form

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NOTES:

- 1 Removal Of gross residual soil may be achieved by procedures such as dry wiping, damp wiping and rinsing (or both). Cold water will congeal fatty substances. Hot water will coagulate protein in blood and body fluids.
- 2 A written description of the procedures should be available in all areas.
- 3 All single use items should be discarded appropriately after use, according to local regulations
- 4 Textiles wraps and drapes should be placed in designated containers and returned to the textile/laundry service.

WARNING: When cleaning and handling used items, follow standard precautions at all stages of handling to minimize exposure to blood and body substances.

Standard precautions involve treating blood and body substances of all persons as potential sources of infection independent of diagnosis or perceived risk.

Wear appropriate personal protection, such as gloves, specifically designed fluid repellent masks/eye protection/ face shields and fluid-resistant aprons or gowns

Ref; AS/NZS 4187:2003 2.2 pg18