

PROTOCOL FOR: Traffic Patterns

- POLICY:
1. The surgical suite will be divided into the following two areas:
1) restricted and 2) unrestricted.
 2. *Restricted areas* include the procedure room. Clean scrub attire, hats, and masks are required in the table and sterile field areas; circulating nurses and cardiovascular technologist are required to wear scrub attire. Lead aprons are to be worn by all personnel during the procedure.
 3. *Unrestricted areas* will include the following peripheral support areas:
 - control room
 - cath lab holding area
 4. Patients entering the procedure rooms will wear clean gowns and be covered with clean linens.
 5. Doors to procedure rooms will not be propped open.
 6. Clean supplies will enter and exit procedure rooms from the main hallway. Soiled items will exit the procedure rooms through the main hallway after the items are covered. All soiled items will be terminally processed in the Decontamination Area of the CSS/IR.
 7. Supplies and equipment will be removed from external shipping containers prior to delivery into restricted and unrestricted areas.

DESIRED PATIENT

OUTCOME: The patient will be free from signs and symptoms of infection, related to breaches in staff adherence to proper traffic patterns.

CLINICAL
ASSESSMENT

- AND CARE:
1. Upon admission to the operating or procedure rooms, the patient will be assessed for wearing of proper attire for the area.
 2. The flow of clean and soiled items will be monitored and maintained per protocol.
 3. Doors to the procedure rooms will kept closed except during movement of patients, personnel, supplies, and equipment in and out of the area.

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

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REVISION DATES: