

PROCEDURE FOR: Attire: L&D

PURPOSE: To maintain a surgically clean environment and lessen the opportunity for members of the OR team - patients or observers to serve as potential sources of infection.

POLICY: All personnel entering the restricted area of L&D must be dressed in proper attire.

L&D restricted area includes cesarean section room delivery rooms and sterile hallway within the surgical suite.

PROCEDURE:

ACTION

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

RESTRICTED AREA:

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| 1. All persons entering restricted area - i.e., C-Section and delivery rooms must be in attire intended solely for use within the surgical suite. | 1. Only surgical attire (scrubs) provided and laundered by the hospital laundry service is worn in restricted areas of the unit. |
| 2. Proper surgical attire includes scrubsuit, headcover and masks. Shoecovers are optional | 2. Scrubsuits and shoe covers are to be changed if they become soiled, damaged or wet. |
| 3. Headcovers must contain all hair, including facial hair. | 3. Headcovers should be changed if they become soiled, damaged or wet. Cloth headcovers must be laundered and changed daily. |
| 4. Disposable masks must be worn at all times in the delivery rooms (when sets open). | 4. Masks must cover nose and mouth, and are to be changed after each case. |
| 5. Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and must be totally confined. Only small earrings that can be concealed by a headcover may be worn. Artificial nails will not be worn. | |
| 6. Shoe covers, masks and hats will be removed when leaving the area. | |

UNRESTRICTED AREAS:

1. Scrubs are not necessary in the unrestricted area of L&D.
2. All staff members of L&D shall wear scrub attire.
1. The unrestricted area is defined as the area in and outside the labor/birthing rooms; the nurses station desk, the med room/kitchen area, and the utility room.
2. Scrubs should be deposited in the laundry hamper when leaving the unit after shift is completed.

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