

PROCEDURE FOR: Traffic Flow: CSSIR Area

- POLICY:**
1. The flow of clean and sterile supplies will be separated from contaminated supplies, equipment, and waste by space, time, and traffic flow.
 2. Reusable items should flow from the OR to decontamination, assembly, packaging, sterilization, storage, and back to the OR suite.
 3. Reusable contaminated items will be confined and/or contained within the designated decontamination area until decontamination has occurred.
 4. The decontamination area is considered a semi-restricted area and scrub attire will be worn there by all personnel.
 5. Staff will wear approved personal barrier protection when decontaminating items in decontamination area, including disposable hats, mask/shield, gown, and gloves.
 6. Soiled attire will be disposed of when tasks are completed and will not be worn into clean area. Single-patient use items such as masks and/or gloves will be removed by all OR personnel when moving from decontamination to other areas.
 7. Hands must be cleaned after removing personal barrier protection following decontamination of soiled items. All personnel will wash hands with soap and water when hands are grossly soiled; waterless hand cleansers may be used when gross soil is not visible.

EQUIPMENT: Disposable hats
Masks/Face Shields
Gowns
Gloves

PROCEDURE:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Points of Emphasis</u>
1. Transport contaminated items from operating rooms through the outer core or shared corridor to the Decontamination Area.	1. All items being transported through unrestricted areas (e.g. procedure rooms) will be confined during transport.
2. Wear approved personal barrier protection when coming into contact with all contaminated items.	2. Remove soiled barriers before entering clean area.

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