1. DECONTAMINATION AREA

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PURPOSE

- To outline the duties to be performed by the HHSD technicians in the decontamination area of HSSD at KEMH.

PROCEDURE

0730-0745 MONDAY - FRIDAY

- Cover the work benches and trolleys in the area with clean trolley covers.
- Place the drain-traps (3) in the drain holes.
- Fill the soaking bins (2): One with tepid tap water and the other with enzymatic detergent as per the dilution for manual cleaning.
- Ensure the correct cleaning tools for manual cleaning are available and in working order (brushes, high pressure airgun, and high pressure water gun).
- Perform the daily Steelco washer check
  - Correct chemical
  - Appropriate amount of chemical is available (> ½ full). Replace as required.
  - Inspect for the presence of the washer filter
  - That the door seal is intact
  - That the printer contain paper
  - Check the stock level of the apron and gloves, masks and white linen drapes.
- Sign and date the checklist.
- Sort and place the items from theatre and labour and birth suite that require decontamination in the appropriate soaking bin.

0745-0800

- Switch on the drying cabinets.
- On Mondays perform a SOIL test on the washers.
- Perform a PH test daily on all washers

0800-0830

- Brush through and wash the items left in the soaking bins.
- Rinse the items and rinse the lumens with the high pressure water gun.
- Hand air-dry the items with the air gun.
- Items such as the Poole suckers, quivers etc that cannot be hand dried should be placed in the drying cabinet until dry.
- Wipe down the light leads, cameras and other leads with enzymatic detergent and a non linting cloth.
- Rinse these items under clean running water and dry with the airgun and a lint free cloth.
- Check the area identification of the items (engraved on the items).
- Package the items using the appropriate packaging materials according to departmental procedures. Indicate the area of ownership on the package and initial.

0830

- Assist staff on the floor and back bench.

SATURDAY 0730-1430

- Set up as per the Monday – Friday statement.
PRIOR TO THE END OF THE SHIFT

- Remove all the baskets from the dryers and put through a wash.
- Put all bowls, brushes and drain catchers through the wash.
- Leave all washed items on a trolley and cover with a white linen cover.
- Clean all the stainless steel surfaces with metal polish.
- Remove the filters from the Steelco washers.
- Wash the filters in enzymatic detergent for 10 minutes then brush and rinse them under running water. Place them in the drying cabinet.

BIBLIOGRAPHY / STANDARDS


National Standards – Standard 3 Preventing and Controlling Healthcare Infections

Legislation - Nil

Related Policies –

- HSSD Clinical Guidelines
- Perioperative Guidelines
- Infection Control Guidelines

Other related documents – Nil

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