

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

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PURPOSE: To assist in the correct and appropriate identification of wound classifications of surgical procedures performed in the Operating Room.

POLICY: The following guidelines regarding surgical wound classifications will be followed on all cases performed in the Operating Room and documented in the medical record.

CLASS I - CLEAN

Non-traumatic. No inflammation or infection encountered. No break in sterile technique. Respiratory, alimentary, genital or uninfected urinary tracts not entered. Surgeon enters a sterile body cavity and exits through the same cavity.

Examples:

Herniorrhaphy, all types
Orchiopexy
Skin graft, donor site

CLASS II- CLEAN/CONTAMINATED

Operative wounds in which the respiratory, alimentary, genital or urinary tracts are entered under controlled conditions without unusual contamination. Genitourinary or bile tracts entered in absence of infected urine or bile. No evidence of infection or major break in sterile technique is encountered. No acute inflammation noted.

Examples:

EGD, Colonoscopy
Hemorrhoidectomy
Transurethral resections
Vaginal surgery
Cone Biopsy, Uterine or Cervical Biopsy
D&C
Laparoscopic or mini lap BTL
Resection of ovary
Salpingo-oophorectomy

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CLASS III- CONTAMINATED

Acute non-purulent inflammation. Entrance of genitourinary or biliary tracts in presence of infected urine or bile. Major breaks in sterile technique or gross spillage from gastrointestinal tract and incisions.

Examples:

Excision of perianal cyst
Fistulectomy
Myringotomy
Oral surgery with infection
Polypectomy

CLASS IV - DIRTY

Acute bacterial inflammation encountered, with pus. Transection of clean tissue for the purpose of surgical access to a collection of pus. Includes old traumatic wounds with retained devitalized tissue and those involving existing clinical infection or perforated viscera. Foreign bodies, fecal contamination and/or delayed treatment, or from dirty source.

Examples:

Abscess
Tissue debridement
Salpingo-oophorectomy with abscess
Drainage of infected sinus

REFERENCES:

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