

## HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

<b>SUBJECT:</b> V-108 ASEPTIC BARRIER MATERIAL	<b>POLICY #:</b> 1233
	<b>VERSION:</b> 1
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**PURPOSE:** To assist in the prevention of wound contamination by creating and maintaining a sterile field.

**POLICY:** All materials for surgical gowns and drapes are evaluated prior to use in the surgical suite.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### I. Evaluation Criteria:

- A. Materials selected for surgical gowns and drapes must provide a barrier to prevent passage of microorganisms between sterile and non-sterile areas.
- B. Materials should be:
  - 1. Resistant to liquid penetration
  - 2. Resistant to tears and puncture
  - 3. Lint free
- C. Materials must meet or exceed standards of National Fire Protection Association Agency.

#### II. Additional Considerations for Reusable Fabrics:

- A. Materials should maintain barrier qualities through multiple laundering and sterilization.
- B. Materials laundered in excess of manufacturer's recommendations are no used to create a sterile field.

#### III. Prior Use

- A. Only intact barrier material is used to create and maintain a sterile field.

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B. Prior to use for gowning and/or draping, materials should be inspected for:

1. Integrity
2. Evidence of strike through

**REFERENCES:**

The Manual of Operating Room Manual

AORN Standards and Recommended Practices

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