



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

SPECIAL PROCEDURES

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT: INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES -
SPECIAL PROCEDURES LAB**

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Purpose of Procedure: To define methods used to ensure a safe and clean environment.

Physician's Order Required: No

Performed By: All members of health care team.

Policy Statements:

1. Hands will be washed before and after direct patient contact.
2. During all endoscopic procedures:
 - a. Nursing personnel will wear scrub uniforms and gloves. Cover gowns, goggles and other protective wear will be worn as needed.
 - b. Physicians will wear cover gowns over clothes and gloves. Other protective wear will be worn as needed.
3. Gloves, gown, and mask will be changed and hands washed between each case.
4. All disposable needles and sharps will be placed in a sharps container box for safe disposal. When 3/4 full, the container will be sealed and picked up by environmental services.
5. All other disposables contaminated with blood or body fluids will be placed in a red trash container.
6. All soiled linen will be placed in plastic bags and placed in the soiled linen area for pickup.
7. Procedure tables and surrounding areas will be cleaned with a hospital-approved disinfectant after each procedure.
8. Policies and procedures as outlined in the Nursing Policy/Procedure Manual and the Infection Control Manual will be followed.
9. Reusable items may be decontaminated if the manufacturer provides specific instructions regarding the proper method for reprocessing.
10. Any problems or questions concerning procedures or infection control should be referred to the Nurse Epidemiologist at extension 7447.

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References:

Rancho Los Amigos Infection Control Manual
SGNA Monograph Series – Standard for Practice in the GI Setting – Standard I

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