



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
SPECIAL PROCEDURES
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT

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Purpose of Procedure: To ensure the proper operation of equipment prior to and after all procedures.

Performed By: RN

Policy Statements:

1. Each piece of equipment and supplies will be inspected carefully before and after a procedure for imperfections, cleanliness and proper operation.
2. Hinged instruments, such as clamps, forceps, etc will be checked for stiffness and alignment of jaws and teeth.
KEY POINT: Joints should work smoothly and tips of jaws and teeth should meet perfectly. Ratchets should close easily and hold firmly.
3. The edges of sharp and semi-sharp instruments will be visually inspected for sharpness.
KEY POINT: Dull instruments should be removed from service and sharpened.
4. Plated instruments will be inspected for chips and worn areas.
5. Any instruments not meeting inspection standards will be taken out of service and replaced as appropriate.

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References:

SGNA Manual of Gastrointestinal Procedures 6th Edition
Standard for Practice in the GI Setting - Standard I

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