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1.0 Purpose

To outline the protective attire to be worn when cleaning endoscopes in order to prevent exposure to potentially infectious materials.

2.0 Definition of Term

Personal Protective Equipment. Includes gloves, masks and eye protection (e.g., face shields, goggles, glasses with side shields and fluid resistant aprons). Personal protective equipment reduces the risk for direct exposure to blood, body fluids, or other fluids that may contain potentially infectious microorganisms.

3.0 Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each member of staff cleaning endoscopes to adhere to this procedure.

4.0 Guideline

All staff must wear appropriate personal protective equipment when cleaning endoscopes.

5.0 Procedure

- Staff changing area for donning workwear is available and located within the theatre department complex.
- The required PPE is available in the endoscopy decontamination room.
- Each member of staff must don apron, gloves and protective eye wear prior to cleaning an endoscope post procedure.
- When cleaning an endoscope after an infected case a long sleeved gown must be worn in addition to an apron, gloves and protective eye wear.
- Staff should cover wounds and abrasions with a water proof dressing.

6.0 References

HSE Standards and Recommended Practices for Endoscopy Reprocessing Units 2012 - Version 2.2
OLCHC Traffic Flow in the Endoscopy Washroom