

# Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

CLINICAL RESEARCH UNIT

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## Cleaning of Surgical Instruments

**PURPOSE:** To disinfect contaminated instruments prior to return to Central Supply for cleaning and sterilization.

### **POLICY:**

1. All used surgical instruments will be properly cleaned and processed prior to transport to the Central Sterile Processing (CSP).
2. Instruments will be logged in and out of the CRU.
3. All staff handling contaminated equipment must wear protective equipment (gloves, goggles, gown, and mask) as appropriate.
4. Containers used for pre-soaking and transporting soiled instruments will be of sturdy construction and decontamination after use.
5. Germicide solution used for soaking soiled instrumentation will not be emptied into sinks used for hand washing in exam rooms/bathrooms.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Place a basin containing warm water and one squirt of Enzol detergent in the procedure/patient room. There must be enough solution to immerse the instruments.
2. After use, place the used/contaminated instruments into the basin of cleaning solution and cover with the lid.
3. Complete a stock supply form requisition. Fill in the name and amount of instruments to be cleaned on the form. Mark it clearly with "Needs to be Cleaned".
4. Transport closed container containing the soiled instruments along with requisition form to Central Sterile Processing.
5. Yellow copy of form to be given with basin of instruments to decontamination area.
6. White copy to be given to CSP.
7. Retain the pink copy of the requisition form. The CRU will maintain a log/notebook of the instruments being processed.
8. When picking up sterilized instruments, bring the pink copy of the requisition form to pick up clean instruments at CSP. The original white copy will need to be signed for CSP, and then the clean instruments can be taken.

### **REVIEWERS:**

Central Sterile Processing Administrative Manager  
CRU Patient Care Manager  
CRU Clinical Research Nurse Specialist

### **REFERENCES:**

Enzol package information

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