



Reprocessing: High Level Disinfection and Liquid Sterilization Process— “Dirty” Area Using Chemical Soak Method

Instructions: Use this card and the one that follows collectively. Observe area where instruments are reprocessed by a soaking method using a liquid chemical germicide. For each category, record the observation. Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of “Yes” + “No”.

Equipment Reprocessing		Summary of Observations	
1	Is the preprocessing “dirty” area separate from the clean area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2	Is adequate space allotted for device inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Are signs visible that include the reprocessing steps and recording requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Is a traffic flow pattern from “soiled” to “clean” clearly delineated in the area in which technicians progress through their reprocessing tasks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Is there a readily-available supply of personal protective equipment, including gloves, cover gowns, eye and face protection?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Is an eyewash station available within a 10 second travel distance from chemicals being used?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Is weekly eye wash station maintenance documented, including flushing and temperature validation (60° F to 100° F, or 16° C to 38 °C)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Do not total until completing questions 8 – 14 in accompanying card



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Equipment Reprocessing – Dirty Area		Summary of Observations	
8	Are chemical potency test strips stored appropriately and labeled with “opened” and “use by” dates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9	Are opened liquid chemical containers labeled with the date opened and the use-by date?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
10	Do log books show test strip quality control recording?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11	Do log books show results of liquid chemical germicide potency testing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12	Are spill kits readily available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
13	Are safety data sheets (SDS, formerly known as MSDS) available for the chemicals used in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14	Are instrument instructions for use (IFUs) readily available for each equipment item reprocessed in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
TOTAL			



Date: _____

Observer Role: Nurse Tech Other _____ Initials: _____

Location/Unit: _____

Notes and comments: