

# SFHPCS13

## Prepare and dress for scrubbed clinical roles



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### Overview

This standard covers preparing and dressing correctly to undertake a 'scrubbed' role within the perioperative team. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 apply standard precautions for infection prevention and control and other appropriate health and safety measures when preparing and dressing for scrubbed roles
  - P2 select and wear appropriate personal protective equipment in line with organisational policies and national guidance
  - P3 wash and dry your hands and arms effectively in accordance with organisational policies and protocols
  - P4 select and put on suitable size sterile gown and gloves according to approved procedures
  - P5 promptly change personal protective equipment which becomes unsuitable for use
  - P6 remove and dispose of all used personal protective equipment and theatre clothing in a way which minimises the risk of cross-infection

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the current European and National legislation, national guidelines, organisational policies and protocols in accordance with Clinical/Corporate Governance which affect your work practice in relation to preparing and dressing for scrubbed clinical roles
- K2 your responsibilities and accountability in relation to the current European and National legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols and Clinical/Corporate Governance
- K3 the duty to report any acts or omissions in care that could be detrimental to yourself, other individuals or your employer
- K4 the importance of working within your own sphere of competence and seeking advice when faced with situations outside your sphere of competence
- K5 the application of standard precautions in preparing and dressing for the scrubbed role and the potential consequences of poor practice
- K6 the importance, and methods, of:
  - K6.1 washing and drying hands and arms in preparation for the scrubbed role
  - K6.2 selecting and putting on suitable size sterile gown and gloves
  - K6.3 removing and disposing of used, soiled and damaged personal protective clothing, both re-usable and single-use
- K7 factors which affect the choice of clothing for different procedures, for example, particular gloves for use in micro-surgery
- K8 your responsibility to prepare and dress in clean and appropriate personal protective clothing for the scrubbed role
- K9 how the correct use of personal protective clothing for the scrubbed role contributes to maintenance of the sterile field
- K10 requirements for use and maintenance of protective equipment when working with risks associated with lasers, radiation, chemicals and body fluids
- K11 your responsibility to ensure that the circulating practitioner assisting you to prepare and dress in sterile gown and gloves does not compromise sterility of the items
- K12 the importance of reporting any potential contamination to the appropriate members of the surgical team
- K13 the importance of immediately reporting any issues which are outside your own sphere of competence without delay to the relevant member of staff

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### Additional Information

#### External links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: Core 3 Health, safety and security

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