

### Central Venous Catheter: Observation

**Instructions:** Observe <u>patients</u> with central lines in place. Observe each practice and record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Central catheter: Observation Categories				Pa	Patient		ntient	Summary	of Observations		
Cem	rai catheter. Observation categories		1		2		3		4	Yes	Total Observed
1	Is the dressing adhesive intact over the catheter insertion site and drainage contained? (This question is for all dressings, including chlorhexidine gluconate -CHG dressings)	0	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		
2	Is the dressing dated and timed according to facility policy?	<u> </u>	Yes No	0	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	0	Yes No		
3	Is the catheter secured to reduce movement or tension?		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		
4	Are the administration tubing sets labeled with the start date and time?		Yes No		Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		
5	If the tubing set is labeled, is it within the specified date and time range for use?	_ 	Yes No N/A	_ _	Yes No N/A	_ 	Yes No N/A	_ 	Yes No N/A		
6	Are all inactive ports capped according to facility policy?	0 0	Yes No N/A								
Tot	tal YES and TOTAL OBSERVED										

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	

**Instructions:** Observe patients with urinary catheters in place. Observe each practice and record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Urinary catheter: Observation Categories		Patient	Patient	Patient	Patient	Summary of Observations		
Offin	ary catheter. Observation categories	1	2	3	4	Yes	Total Observed	
1	Is the catheter properly secured to the patient?	☐ Yes☐ No	□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No			
2	Is there unobstructed flow from the catheter into the bag?	□ Yes □ No						
3	Is the collection bag below the level of the bladder?	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes	□ Yes	□ Yes			
4	Are the bag and tubing off of the floor?	□ Yes □ No						
To	tal YES and TOTAL OBSERVE	:D						

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	

*Instructions:* Observe patients on ventilators. For each category, record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Ven	ilator: Observation Categories	Patient	Patient Patient 1 2		Patient 4	Summary of Observations		
			2	3	7	Yes	Total Observed	
1	Is the head of the bed elevated >30 degrees?	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No			
2	Is the ventilator tubing free of excessive condensation?	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No			
3	Are supplies needed for oral care readily available?	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No			
Tot	al YES and TOTAL OBSERVI							

Date:	
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# Standard Precautions: Observation of Hand Hygiene Provision of Supplies

**Instructions:** Observe patient care areas or areas outside of patient rooms. For each category, record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Standard Precautions: Observation Categories		R	Room		oom	Room		Room		Room		Summary of Observations	
Stain	data Frecautions. Observation categories		1		2		3		4	5		Yes	Total Observed
1	Are functioning sinks readily accessible in the patient care area?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		
2	Are all handwashing supplies, such as soap and paper towels, available?	<u> </u>	Yes No										
3	Is the sink area clean and dry?		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No		Yes No		
4	Are any clean patient care supplies on the counter within a splash-zone of the sink?	0	Yes No										
5	Are signs promoting hand hygiene displayed in the area?	<u> </u>	Yes No										
6	Are alcohol dispensers readily accessible?	<u> </u>	Yes No										
7	Are alcohol dispensers filled and working properly?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		
Tot	al YES and TOTAL OBSERVED												

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



# Standard Precautions: Observation of Personal Protective Equipment Provision

**Instructions:** Observe patient care areas or areas outside of patient rooms. For each category, record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Stand	Standard Precautions: Observation Categories		Room	Room	Room	Room	Summa	ry of Observations
Stant	dalu Frecautions. Observation Categories	1	2	3	4	5	Yes	Total Observed
1	Are gloves readily available outside each patient room or any point of care?	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No		
2	Are cover gowns readily available near each patient room or point of care?	□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No		
3	Is eye protection (face shields or goggles) readily available near each patient room or point of care?	□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes☐ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No		
4	Are face masks readily available near each patient room or point of care?	□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes☐ No	□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No		
5	Are alcohol dispensers readily accessible and functioning?	□ Yes □ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes☐ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No		
Tot	al YES and TOTAL OBSERVED	)						

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



#### Isolation: Observation of Area Exterior to Contact Isolation Rooms

**Instructions:** Observe <u>areas</u> outside of isolation rooms. Observe each practice and record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance. <u>Disregard not applicable categories</u>. For example, cover gowns should be outside contact precautions rooms, but may not be required outside a room with airborne isolation precautions only.

		Ro	oom	Ro	oom	Ro	oom .	Summa	ry of Observations
Isol	Isolation room: Observation Categories		1		2	3		Yes	Total "Yes"& "No"
1	Is an isolation sign at the patient's door?	□ Ye	es Io		Yes No		Yes No		
2	Are gloves available outside of each patient room or treatment area?	□ N	es lo I/A		Yes No N/A		Yes No N/A		
3	Are cover gowns available near each patient room or treatment area?	□ Y	es lo	□ □	Yes No		Yes No		
4	Is other PPE for standard precautions (e.g., eye protection, face masks) available near each patient room or treatment area?	□ N	es lo I/A		Yes No N/A		Yes No N/A		
5	Are surgical face masks or face shields or N95 respirators available near patient room?	□ N	es lo I/A		Yes No N/A		Yes No N/A		
6	Is dedicated patient equipment, such as stethoscopes or blood pressure cuffs, available?	□ Y	es Io	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		
TC	TAL (Do not include N/A in totals)								

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



### Isolation: Observation of Area Exterior to Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms

**Instructions:** If there are any patients requiring Airborne Infection Isolation on unit, observe area outside of each isolation room. Observe each practice and record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Isolati	on room: Observation Categories		Room		Room		Room	Summary of Observations		
Isolati	on room. Observation categories		1		2	3		Yes	Total Observed	
1	Is an Airborne Infection Isolation sign at the patient's door?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	0	Yes No			
2	Is the door to the room closed?		Yes No	0	Yes No	0	Yes No			
3	Does a manometer or other measurement mechanism indicate negative pressure in the room?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No			
4	Are appropriate respirators, (N-95) in multiple sizes and/or charged, powered air purifying respirators (PAPR), available?	0	Yes No	0	Yes No	0	Yes No			
5	Are respirators stored outside the room or in an anteroom?		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	0	Yes No			
Tota	Total YES and TOTAL OBSERVED									

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



## Standard Precautions: Observation of Needlestick Prevention and Care of Laundry

**Instructions:** Observe patient care areas or areas outside of patient rooms. For each category, record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Standard Precautions: Observation Categories			Room/ Area		om/ irea		loom/ Area		om/ irea		oom/ area	Summary of Observations							
			1		2		3		4		4		4		4		5	Yes	Total Observed
1	Are sharps containers available?		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No								
2	Are sharps containers properly secured and not full?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No								
3	Are sharps containers positioned at 52" to 56" above floor?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No								
4	Are hampers for soiled laundry labeled or color-coded?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No								
5	Are clean linen supplies spatially separated from soiled areas or waste and covered or contained within a cabinet?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No								
Total YES and TOTAL OBSERVED																			

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



### Injection Safety: Observation of Centralized Medication Area

**Instructions:** Observe medication preparation area. For each category, record the observation. Observe each practice below and answer Yes, No, or N/A. Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of "Yes"+"No". <u>Disregard not applicable categories.</u>

Me	dication preparation room: Observation Categories			
1	If multi-dose injectable medications are present, is the medication container maintained in a dedicated medication preparation space?	Yes	No	N/A
2	Is the medication preparation area free of opened single dose vials or opened single use containers?	Yes	No	
3	If open multi-dose vials are present, are they dated and within the Beyond Use Date (BUD) and the manufacturer's expiration period?	Yes	No	N/A
4	Medications are prepared in a clean area free from contamination or contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated equipment.	Yes	No	
5	Are splash guards installed at sinks that are located close to medication prep areas?	Yes	No	
6	Are sinks readily accessible to healthcare providers?	Yes	No	
7	Are hand washing supplies, such as soap, and paper towels, available?	Yes	No	
8	Are alcohol dispensers readily available, filled, and functioning properly?	Yes	No	
TC	TAL (Total YES and No Only)			

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



### Injection Safety: Observation of Portable Medication Systems

**Instructions:** Observe three portable medication carts. For each category, record the observation as Yes, No, or N/A. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Divide by sum of "Yes"+"No". <u>Disregard not applicable categories.</u>

Medication cart: Observation Categories			Cart	Cart			Cart		Summary of Observations
IVIE	Medication cart: Observation Categories		1		2		3	Yes	Total "Yes" + "No"
1	If multi-dose injectable medications are present are they maintained in a dedicated medication prep space?	0	Yes No N/A		Yes No N/A	0	Yes No N/A		
2	Are alcohol dispensers readily accessible, filled, and functioning properly?	<u> </u>	Yes No	0	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		
3	Is the medication cart free of opened single dose vials or opened single use containers?		Yes	<u> </u>	No				
4	If open multi-dose vials are present, are they dated and within the Beyond Use Date (BUD) and the manufacturer's expiration period?	<u> </u>	Yes No N/A	_ _	Yes No N/A	_ _	Yes No N/A		
5	Are safety syringes available?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No		
6	Are sharps containers available, secured, and not full?		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No		
T	OTAL (Total YES and No Only)								

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



#### Neonatal Central Catheter: Observation

**Instructions:** Observe neonatal <u>patients</u> with central lines in place. Observe each practice and record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Cent	ral catheter: Observation Categories	E	Baby	E	Baby	В	aby	Baby		Baby		Baby		Baby		Baby		Summary of Observations		
Cem	rai catheter. Observation categories		1		2		3		4	Yes	Total Observed									
1	Is the dressing adhesive intact over the catheter insertion site and drainage contained?	<u> </u>	Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No		Yes No											
2	Is the dressing dated and timed according to facility policy?		Yes No		Yes No	0	Yes No	0	Yes No											
3	Is the catheter secured to reduce movement or tension?	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No	0	Yes No	0	Yes No											
4	Are the administration tubing sets labeled and within the date range according to facility policy?	0	Yes No	0	Yes No		Yes No		Yes No											
Tot	tal YES and TOTAL OBSERVED																			

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



### Neonatal Environment: Observation of Isolettes/basinets

**Instructions:** Observe neonatal patients isolette/bassinet <u>areas</u>. Observe each practice and record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of "Yes" and the total number of observations ("Yes" + "No"). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Infa	nt isolette/basinet: Observation Categories		Baby	E	Baby	E	Baby	Baby		Summary of Observations		
IIIIai	it isolette/ basillet. Observation Categories		1		2		3		4	Yes	Total Observed	
1	Is the patient care area free from clutter?	<u> </u>	Yes No									
2	Are gloves, gowns, masks, and face shields, readily available near each bed space?	<u> </u>	Yes No		Yes No		Yes No	<u> </u>	Yes No			
3	Are all infant isolettes/bassinets at least 3 feet from the nearest sink?		Yes No		Yes No		Yes No		Yes No			
4	Alcohol-based hand rub is available at the point of care.	<u> </u>	Yes No									
5	Hands-free handwashing sinks are within 20 feet of each bed space.	<u> </u>	Yes No									
Tot	al YES and TOTAL OBSERVED											

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



# Neonatal Environment: Observation of Nutritional Preparation Area

**Instructions:** Observe nutritional preparation area. Observe each practice below and answer Yes, No, or N/A. Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of "Yes" + "No".

Nut	ritional preparation area: Observation Categories			
1	Are surfaces in the nutrition preparation area visibly clean and free from clutter?	Yes	No	N/A
2	If powdered formula is used, is sterile water provided for dilution or reconstitution?	Yes	No	N/A
3	Thermometers in the breast milk storage refrigerator and freezer are easy to visualize and are within the range noted below?	Yes	No	N/A
4	Are the breast milk storage refrigerator and freezer temperatures monitored and recorded every 4 hours?	Yes	No	N/A
5	Is stored breast milk labeled with name, date, and time of pumping?	Yes	No	N/A
6	Is breast milk stored in a manner that prevents misadministration (e.g., each mother's milk is in a dedicated tray?)	Yes	No	N/A
7	Is the refrigerator/freezer in which breast milk is stored clean and dedicated to patient nutrition supplies only?	Yes	No	N/A
8	Are waterless warmers used to thaw and warm breast milk (i.e., there is no evidence of thawing by immersion in tap water)?	Yes	No	N/A
9	Are ready-for-use breast pumps clean, labeled as clean, and stored separately from breast pumps that have not been cleaned?	Yes	No	N/A
ТО	TAL (Total YES and No Only)			

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	

Instructions: Observe visitor area. Observe each practice below and answer Yes, No, or N/A. Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of "Yes" + "No".

Visito	area: Observation Categories				
1	Are hand hygiene supplies readily accessible by visitors in the waiting area?	Yes	<u> </u>	No	N/A
2	Are face masks readily available?	Yes		No	N/A
3	Is there visible signage that clearly states that if visitors are ill, they should report to the healthcare team?	Yes	<u> </u>	No	N/A
4	Is there visible signage that clearly states what, if any, visitor (children or otherwise) restrictions are in place?	Yes		No	N/A
TOT	AL (Total YES and No Only)				

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



## 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".

Equ	ipment Reprocessing	Summary of Observations			
1	Is the preprocessing "dirty" area separate from the clean area?		Yes		No
2	Is adequate space allotted for device inspection?		Yes		No
3	Are signs visible that include the reprocessing steps and recording requirements?		Yes		No
4	Is a traffic flow pattern from "soiled" to "clean" clearly delineated in the area in which technicians progress through their reprocessing tasks?		Yes		No
5	Is there a readily-available supply of personal protective equipment, including gloves, cover gowns, eye and face protection?		Yes		No
6	Is an eyewash station available within a 10 second travel distance from chemicals being used?		Yes		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)?	0	Yes		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?		Yes		No			
9	Are opened liquid chemical containers labeled with the date opened and the use-by date?		Yes		No			
10	Do log books show test strip quality control recording?		Yes		No			
11	Do log books show results of liquid chemical germicide potency testing?		Yes		No			
12	Are spill kits readily available?		Yes		No			
13	Are safety data sheets (SDS, formerly known as MSDS) available for the chemicals used in the area?		Yes		No			
14	Are instrument instructions for use (IFUs) readily available for each equipment item reprocessed in the area?		Yes		No			
TOTA	AL .							

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

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



## Reprocessing: High Level Disinfection and Liquid Sterilization Process— "Clean" Area

**Instructions:** Observe area where instruments are reprocessed. For each category, record the observation Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of "Yes" + "No".

Equipment Reprocessing – Clean Area Summary of Observations					ons		
1	Are disinfected instruments stored in a manner to protect them from damage and contamination?	0	Yes	_	No		
2	Is each piece of equipment labeled with the day of most recent disinfection?		Yes		No		
3	Are scopes, if present, stored in a dedicated area and hung vertically to facilitate drying?	<u> </u>	Yes	0	No		N/A
4	Is a log of reprocessed items (paper-based or electronic) maintained that documents:  a. The instrument reprocessed and date,  b. The technician who performed the reprocessing, and  c. An indication of whether or not the reprocessing run passed or failed any necessary chemical or mechanical tests.	0	Yes Yes Yes	0 0	No No No		
TC	TAL						

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	

**Instructions:** Observe the ambulatory care point of care testing area. For each category, record the observation. Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of "Yes" + "No".

Ambu	latory Waiting Room: Observation Categories	Summary of Observations			
1	As patients first register for care, is there visible signage instructing them to alert the staff of a respiratory infection?		Yes		No
2	Are face masks and tissues readily available for patients and visitors with respiratory or flu-like symptoms?		Yes	0	No
3	Are hand hygiene supplies readily available to visitors in the waiting room?		Yes		No
4	Are trash receptacles readily available to visitors in the waiting room?		Yes		No
TOT	AL				

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	

**Instructions:** Observe vaccine storage area. For each category, record the observation. Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of "Yes" + "No".

Vaccir	ne Storage Area: Observation Categories	Summary of Observation			
1	Are vaccine storage refrigerator and freezer temperatures within the appropriate ranges (Refrigerator: 2° C to 8° C; 36° F to 46° Freezer: -50° C to -15° C; -58° F to +5° F)?		Yes		No
2	Are vaccine storage refrigerator and freezer temperatures recorded twice daily?		Yes		No
3	Are safeguards, such as self-closing hinges and door alarms, in place to ensure that the refrigerator/freezer doors remain closed.		Yes		No
4	Are refrigerator/freezer door gaskets clean?		Yes		No
5	Are vaccines stored in the center of the refrigerator and freezer spaces, in the original packaging, and inside designated storage trays?		Yes		No
6	Are drinks and food absent from the refrigerator/freezer?		Yes		No
TOT	AL				

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	



**Instructions:** Observe the ambulatory care point of care testing area. For each category, record the observation. Sum all Yes and No responses. Divide by sum of "Yes" + "No".

Patien	t Care Area: Observation Categories	Summary of Observations		ns		
1	Are sharps containers properly secured and not full?		Yes	No		
2	Are sharps containers available at the point of use?		Yes	No		
3	Are cleaning and disinfection supplies for examination tables and test surfaces readily available?		Yes	No		
4	Is a new single-use auto-disabling lancing device used for each patient?		Yes	No		N/A
5	Are all point of care testing devices being disinfected after each use with an EPA-registered product that is consistent with manufacturer instructions for use?		Yes	No		
6	Is the required personal protective equipment for disinfectant use readily available?		Yes	No		
TOT	AL					

Date:	
Observer Role: ☐ Nurse ☐ Tech ☐ Other	Initials:
Location/Unit:	