

- IPC.21.3 The cleansing brushes are disposable. When the cleansing brushes are auto-clavable, the manufacturer's instructions are followed and the brushes are replaced when needed.
- IPC.21.4 Staff inspect instrument after cleansing to ensure that they are in good practical condition and fit to be used.
- IPC.21.5 Sterilizers are in good working order. Instructions on sterilizers' use are available.
- IPC.21.6 Preventive maintenance records for sterilizers are available and clearly show the maintenance history of the sterilizers.
- IPC.21.7 Chemical indicators are used in every package. Biological indicators are used at least weekly. Records of results are kept for one year.
- IPC.21.8 Use of flash steam sterilizer is limited to urgent situations which preclude use of other sterilizer methods. This use is closely monitored and recorded. Policies in this regard are reviewed by central sterilization service staff.
- IPC.21.9 Where ethylene oxide is used, safety and health hazards are addressed.

IPC.22 The hospital ensures safe reprocessing of single use items.

- IPC.22.1 The hospital implements a policy and procedure regarding reprocessing of single use items. The policy defines the following:
 - IPC.22.1.1 The items that can be reused.
 - IPC.22.1.2 Patients and conditions for reuse of single-use items.
 - IPC.22.1.3 Measures taken to ensure safety and integrity including testing and maintenance by biomedical engineering.
 - IPC.22.1.4 Manufacturer approval as a prerequisite, whenever applicable.
- IPC.22.2 The policy is approved by the infection prevention and control committee and hospital director.
- IPC.22.3 Justification of reprocessing is provided by the head(s) of the concerned department(s).

IPC.23 The hospital has policies and procedures for housekeeping.

- IPC.23.1 The housekeeping has policies and procedures that describe the areas to be cleaned, the schedule for cleaning, and the procedures to be used for cleaning different environmental surfaces.
- IPC.23.2 Policies and procedures, schedules, and agents utilized are reviewed by infection prevention and control staff.
- IPC.23.3 All units have a cleaning/ disinfection schedule which lists all environmental surfaces to be cleaned.

IPC.24 The hospital environment is kept clean.

- IPC.24.1 Hospital environment, lockers, and cabinets are clean.
- IPC.24.2 Food is stored under sanitary conditions and is consumed in designated places.
- IPC.24.3 Food refrigerators are clean and are used only for food storage.
- IPC.24.4 There are separate clean and dirty utility areas in each patient care area.
- IPC.24.5 There are policies and procedures on pest control that address the regular schedule for pest control, chemical list, and time and place of exposure.
- IPC.24.6 Routine environmental microbiological cultures are not performed unless recommended by the infection prevention and control team.