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1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To protect patient from injury.
- 1.2 To maintain an aseptic environment.

2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 **Intra – Operative Care** – which is defined as the period of time from a patient's transfer to the operating room until admission to the post – anesthesia/recovery unit.

3. POLICY:

- 3.1 All staff working in the theatre must develop a surgical conscience.

4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 Assist and prepare the operating room using aseptic techniques.
- 4.2 Receive endorsement from recovery staff, files, X – ray jacket.
- 4.3 Check to see that table and stretcher are locked before moving patient to table.
- 4.4 Secure all tubing and other connections.
- 4.5 Assist patient to move to operating room table, explain to the patient if conscious to gain cooperation.
- 4.6 If patient is unconscious, obtain enough help and move the patient safely and smoothly.
- 4.7 If pediatric patient, never leave patient until anesthesia process has been completed. Assist with anesthesia as requested during induction.
- 4.8 When moving patient for positioning:
 - 4.8.1 Prepare all necessary equipment for positioning.
 - 4.8.2 Ask permission from the anesthesiologist.
 - 4.8.3 Obtain enough help to move the patient to desired position.
 - 4.8.4 Be gentle, support all joints and extremities because it is vulnerable to injury. Respect patient's dignity, avoid unnecessary exposure during surgery.
 - 4.8.5 Maintain proper body alignment regardless of the position required for the procedure.
 - 4.8.6 Once in position, secure patient with a safety strap. Avoid pressure over an area. Strap should be placed on top of the blanket covering the patient.
- 4.9 Place the diathermy pad on proper position. Don't apply over scar tissue/implanted prosthesis:
 - 4.9.1 Less hairy areas
 - 4.9.2 Avoid bony areas
- 4.10 POINTS TO REMEMBER:
 - 4.10.1 Shave (if needed) clean and dry the site before applying the patient plate.
 - 4.10.2 Follow manufacturer instructions.
 - 4.10.3 Apply the plate in complete contact with well muscular tissue.
- 4.11 Apply gel if needed.
- 4.12 Don't allow fluids to pool at patient plate site.
- 4.13 Don't cut patient plate, smaller to fit patient.

- 4.14 Dispense supplies to the surgical field aseptically.
- 4.15 Conduct an accurate counting and record accurately.
- 4.16 Maintain a surgical environment by:
 - 4.16.1 Limiting the number of persons in operating room.
 - 4.16.2 Keep the Operating Room door closed.
 - 4.16.3 Adhere to proper Operating Room attire.
- 4.17 Accurate documentation of intra-operative process.

5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

- 5.1 Cautery Pads
- 5.2 Sand Bags, Straps, Cotton
- 5.3 Shaving Kit
- 5.4 Screen

6. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 6.1 Nurse
- 6.2 Anesthesia Technician
- 6.3 Anesthesiologist
- 6.4 Surgeon

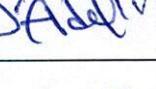
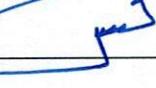
7. APPENDICES:

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8. REFERENCES:

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