

Guidelines

- Department of Health and Ageing Infection control guidelines (2007) Section 31 Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/icg-guidelines-index.htm>
- NSW Health, Health Procurement, Guidelines for Storage and Handling of Pre-Sterilized Consumables
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities*, 2008 <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/guidelines.html>
- GESA/GENCA document: Infection Control in Endoscopy 2nd Edition. (2003) <http://www.gesa.org.au/professional/guidelines/infectioncontrol.cfm>

Tools and web-based resources

- Sterilizing Research Advisory Council of Australia <http://www.sraca.org.au/>
- The Australian College of Operating Room Nurses Standards <http://www.acorn.org.au/>
- Queensland Health Sterilizing Services resources available at: Endoscope Reprocessing, Queensland Health <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/EndoscopeReprocessing/default.asp>
- Prions and reprocessing <http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACDP/TSEguidance/index.htm>

BI.5.9 References

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BI.6 Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette

Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette should be applied as a standard infection control precaution at all times. Covering sneezes and coughs prevents infected persons from dispersing respiratory secretions into the air. Hands should be washed with soap and water after coughing, sneezing, using tissues, or after contact with respiratory secretions or objects contaminated by these secretions.

Table BI.15: Steps in respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette

<p>Anyone with signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, regardless of the cause, should follow or be instructed to follow respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cover the nose/mouth with disposable single-use tissues when coughing, sneezing, wiping and blowing noses• Use tissues to contain respiratory secretions• Dispose of tissues in the nearest waste receptacle or bin after use• If no tissues are available, cough or sneeze into the inner elbow rather than the hand• Practice hand hygiene after contact with respiratory secretions and contaminated objects/materials• Keep contaminated hands away from the mucous membranes of the eyes and nose
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