Introduction

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IOC1.0	INTRAOPERATIVE CARE
IOC1.1	Restricted access supports a high level of asepsis control.
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	Guidance: The facility has three levels of increasingly restricted access from unrestricted areas, to semi-restricted areas and restricted areas. Unrestricted areas include waiting rooms, offices, locker rooms and break rooms. Between the unrestricted areas and the semi- restricted areas, there is a control point or desk to monitor and direct access to the semi-restricted area(s). Street clothes may be

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	M *Guidance: Sterility is assessed by observing for signs/presence of moisture, confirming wrapper integrity, verifying external locks, latch filters, valves and tamper-evident devices of rigid containers, verifying the presence and appropriate changes of external and internal indicators and confirming expiry date. Packages dropped on the floor, compressed, torn or wet are considered contaminated. If there is any doubt about the sterility of an item, it is considered contaminated and unsterile.*
	M *Guidance: Sterile drapes, wrappers and gowns are blood and fluid resistant, resistant to tears and punctures, lint and shedding free, dull and non-glaring, flame resistant, functional and flexible.*
	M *Guidance: Sterile drapes are placed on the patient, tables and equipment in the sterile field and are handled in a manner that prevents contamination.*
	M *Guidance: Examples of equipment that require a sterile barrier/cover include but are not limited to C-arms, ultrasound probes, laparoscopic cameras, some positioning devices.* M *Guidance: Accepted methods of transfer include but are not limited to presenting item(s) directly to the scrub nurse, exposing the contents for the scrub nurse to remove the item from the wrapper or package, placing the item(s) securely on the edge of the sterile field. Items are not flipped or shaken from their package onto the sterile field. Packages dropped on the floor, compressed, torn or wet are considered contaminated. If there is any doubt about the steril(cka)-3(ge)5(s)]TETQq162. TmchETQq162.03 26.2 558.1 72.775 reW*nBT/F4 g0 G*

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	Guidance: The pad is not to be cut or adjusted in size. Different sized pads are available for the

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	M *Guidance: The dress code policy and procedures outline the appropriate attire in the semi-restricted and restricted areas for staff, patients and visitors.*
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References