The OR expertise you can trust.

Setting the standard of care yesterday, today and tomorrow.
Enhancing the perioperative experience, from pre-op to intra-op.
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3M Infection Prevention Solutions for the OR

As a trusted global leader, 3M Infection Prevention has fundamentally laid the foundation for infection prevention in the OR: from pre-op to intra-op to post-op. Backed by the broadest portfolio of perioperative solutions, 3M collaborates with you to help your facility manage SSI-associated risk factors, improve patient and staff safety, and manage costs.
Challenge
Hands are a major source of cross-contamination in healthcare facilities.

Standard of Excellence
If hands are not visibly soiled, use an alcohol-based hand rub for routinely decontaminating hands.

Source: Category 1A CDC Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings, 2002.

OR Solution
Use effective hand antisepsis to prevent the transfer of microorganisms.

3M™ Avagard™ D (Ethyl Alcohol 61% w/w) Instant Hand Antiseptic with Moisturizers

3M™ Avagard™ Foaming (Ethyl Alcohol 70% v/v) Instant Hand Antiseptic
Challenge
Inadvertent perioperative hypothermia can lead to additional surgical complications.

Standard of Excellence
Hypothermia presents a constant challenge for perioperative registered nurses because many surgical patients are at risk for unplanned hypothermia... Interventions should be implemented to prevent unplanned hypothermia.


OR Solution
Reduce surgical complications through the continuous monitoring of core body temperature and the maintenance of normothermia.

3M™ Bair Paws™ Patient Warming Gowns
3M™ Bair Hugger™ Blankets
3M™ SpotOn™ Temperature Monitoring System
3M™ Ranger™ Blood and Fluid Warming Systems
Challenge
Non-sterile instruments and supplies increase the risk of SSIs.

Standard of Excellence
Biological indicators (BIs) should be used weekly, but preferably daily, for routine sterilizer efficacy testing and should be used in every load containing implants.


OR Solution
Ensure that all equipment, instrumentation and supplies are free of viable microbes.

3M™ Sterilization Assurance Monitoring Products
Reducing Bacteria in the Nares

Challenge
Nasal carriage of *S. aureus* and MRSA is directly linked to increased risk of SSIs.

Standard of Excellence
Emerging practice is to reduce bacterial counts in the nares.

OR Solution
Reduce bacteria in the nares to manage the risk of infection.

3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic (Povidone-Iodine Solution 5% w/w [0.5% available iodine] USP)
Patient Preoperative Skin Preparation
Hair Removal

Challenge
Shaving patient hair with a razor increases the risk of nicks and cuts.

Standard of Excellence
Remove hair immediately before the operation, preferably with electric clippers.

Source: Category 1A CDC Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection, 1999.

OR Solution
Maintain skin integrity with preoperative hair clipping, clinically shown to lower infection rates when compared with shaving.

3M™ Surgical Clippers
Challenge
The patient’s own endogenous flora is a leading cause of SSIs.

Standard of Excellence
To gain maximum antiseptic effect of chlorhexidine, it must be allowed to dry completely and not be washed off.
Source: SHEA Compendium of Strategies to Prevent Surgical Site Infections in Acute Care Hospitals, 2008.

OR Solution
Reduce the number of microorganisms on the patient to lower the risk of subsequent contamination of the surgical wound.

NOSE TO TOES™ Nasal antisepsis, oral cleansing and skin antisepsis prior to surgery

NOSE TO TOES AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH SAGE PRODUCTS INC.
Challenge
Blood or fluid sprays and splashes during procedures pose a risk to surgical personnel.

Standard of Excellence
Wearing masks, eye protection, and face shields in specified circumstances when blood or body fluid exposures are likely to occur is mandated by the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard.


OR Solution
Wear masks and eye protection that will shield splashes of blood or body fluid.

3M™ Surgical Masks
Challenge
Contaminated reusable leadwires can result in cross-contamination and the possible spread of infection.

Standard of Excellence
Emerging practice is to use disposable leadwires to help prevent cross-contamination and spread of infection among patients.


OR Solution
Reduce the risk of cross contamination with single-use medical supplies.

3M™ Red Dot™ Monitoring Electrodes and Disposable Leadwires
Surgical Hand Antisepsis

Challenge
Surgical gloves can be compromised during surgery, providing a source of contamination.

Standard of Excellence
An alcohol and chlorhexidine product that is fast-drying and has a residual effect is preferred.


OR Solution
Prior to gowning and gloving, reduce transient and resident flora and inhibit rapid regrowth of microorganisms while maintaining skin health and integrity.

3M™ Avagard™ (Chlorhexidine Gluconate 1% Solution and Ethyl Alcohol 61% w/w) Surgical and Healthcare Personnel Hand Antiseptic with Moisturizers
Challenge
The patient’s own endogenous flora is a leading cause of SSIs.

Standard of Excellence
Preoperatively use solutions that contain isopropyl alcohol as skin antiseptic preparation until other alternatives have been proven safe and effective, and allow appropriate drying time per product guidelines.

Source: NQF (National Quality Forum), Safe Practice #22 on Surgical Site Infections (SSIs). NQF 2010.

OR Solution
Reduce microbial counts on the skin and inhibit rapid regrowth of microorganisms.

3M™ DuraPrep™ Surgical Solution (Iodine Povacrylex [0.7% available iodine] and Isopropyl Alcohol, 74% w/w)
Patient Preoperative Skin Preparation
Draping

Challenge
Blood and fluid strikethroughs can lead to contamination of the surgical field.

Standard of Excellence
Use surgical drapes that are effective barriers when wet (i.e., materials that resist liquid penetration).

Source: Category 1B CDC Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection, 1999.

OR Solution
Minimize the passage of microorganisms between non-sterile and sterile areas with surgical drapes that establish an aseptic barrier.

3M™ Steri-Drape™ Surgical Drapes
Sterile Surface

Challenge
Bacteria remaining after the prep can be carried into the wound on gloves and instruments.

Standard of Excellence
In an in vitro study, an antimicrobial incise drape demonstrated that it is effective in reducing microorganisms.
Source: An In Vitro Time-Kill Study to Compare the Antimicrobial Activity of Three Antimicrobial Surgical Incise Drape, 19th Annual SHEA, 2009.

OR Solution
Using an incise drape creates a sterile surface to the wound edge.

3M™ Ioban™ 2 Antimicrobial Incise Drapes
Cover/Dressing

Challenge
Until the wound is sealed, there is a risk of wound contamination.

Standard of Excellence
Protect the wound with a sterile dressing for 24 to 48 hours postoperatively for an incision that has been closed primarily.

Source: Category 1B.

OR Solution
Create an optimal environment for wound healing and provide a barrier against outside contamination.

3M™ Tegaderm™ +Pad Film Dressing with Non-Adherent Pad
Challenge
Transmission of multidrug-resistant organisms [MRDO] and other pathogens threatens the healthcare environment.

Standard of Excellence
Monitoring for adherence to recommended environmental cleaning practices is an important determinant for success in controlling transmission of MDROs and other pathogens in the environment.


OR Solution
Ensure a clean surgical environment by monitoring organic contaminants invisible to the eye.

3M™ Clean-Trace™ Hygiene Management System
3M Infection Prevention Solutions for

Pre-Op
- Sterilization Monitoring
- Hand Hygiene
- Patient Warming
- Nasal Antiseptic
- Hair Removal
- Patient Skin Cleansing
- Personal Protection
- Patient Skin Prep

Intra-Op
- Hand Hygiene
- Patient Warming
- Patient Monitoring
- Surgical Hand Antiseptics
- Draping
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