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Sterile Processing Technician II

Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician with 6 years of experience across surgical centers and hospital sterile processing departments. Scored 98.29% on infection control audit compliance by enforcing CDC universal precautions during instrument handling and tray assembly, and contributed to reducing a unit-wide infection rate from 4.04% to 1.83% by standardizing washer/disinfector loading patterns.

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EDUCATION

Associate of Science (AS) Health Sciences Broad Field Transfer Pathway, Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Fergus Falls, MN | 2018 – 2020

KEY SKILLS

- Steam autoclave operation
- Hydrogen peroxide sterilizer
- Ultrasonic washer
- Washer/disinfector
- Biological indicator testing
- Instrument tracking system
- AAMI standards
- JCAHO standards
- CDC universal precautions
- PPE compliance
- Specialty instrument handling

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN II | OTTER TAIL VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, FERGUS FALLS, MN

2023 – PRESENT

- Fulfilled 14 urgent instrument requests per month for 11 OR suites by prioritizing rapid-turnaround decontamination and flash sterilization cycles.
- Scored 98.29% on infection control audit compliance across 8 quarterly reviews by enforcing CDC universal precautions during instrument handling and tray assembly.
- Recorded sterilizer test results for steam autoclave and hydrogen peroxide sterilizer cycles, documenting pressure, temperature, and exposure time for 17 loads per shift.
- Purged wastes from flexible endoscope channels by connecting equipment to filtered water sources and flushing systems for a minimum of 3 minutes per device.

STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN I | PELICAN RAPIDS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, PELICAN RAPIDS, MN

2021 – 2023

- Responded to 9 urgent instrument requests per month from surgical teams, retrieving and reprocessing priority trays within 22 minutes of each call.
- Contributed to a unit-wide infection rate reduction from 4.04% to 1.83% over 18 months by standardizing washer/disinfector loading patterns.
- Delivered sterilized instrument trays and case carts to 8 surgical suites and 3 procedure rooms within a 7-minute target window per delivery.
- Monitored instrument tracking system entries after each reprocessing cycle, flagging incomplete records within 15 minutes of cycle completion.

STERILE PROCESSING AIDE I | PRAIRIE LAKES SURGICAL CENTER, ALEXANDRIA, MN

2020 – 2021

- Scored 98.34% on infection control audit during first 6 months by following AAMI decontamination protocols for all surgical instruments.
- Connected suction canisters and irrigation tubing to designated water sources, flushing each system for 2 minutes to clear residual bioburden before ultrasonic washer loading.
- Delivered processed equipment to 6 designated locations across the facility, averaging 41 deliveries per 8-hour shift.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician, Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, 2021