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PURPOSE:

- 1. To outline the flow on safe handling of used disposable suction canisters containing greater than 20 ml of liquid potentially infected material.
- 2. To provide a step by step guide in proper handling of used disposable suction canisters

SCOPE:

This procedure is applicable to all Surgical Complex Staff of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Surgical Suites Personnel, Surgical Suites Housekeeping Aide

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Surgical Suites personnel and/or housekeeping aide don proper PPE (eye wear, gloves)
- 2. Surgical Suites personnel and/or housekeeping aide suctions with disinfectant solution and disconnect suction lines from disposable canister.
- Surgical Suites personnel and/or housekeeping aide secures all caps to suction ports.
- Surgical Suites personnel and/or housekeeping aide removes used suction canister from holder.
- 5. Surgical Suites personnel and/or housekeeping aide places canister(s) (not more than 8 per yellow plastic bag) in an upright position into the pass through cart for collection.
- Surgical Suites personnel and/or housekeeping aide uses disinfectant solution to clean up spills immediately.



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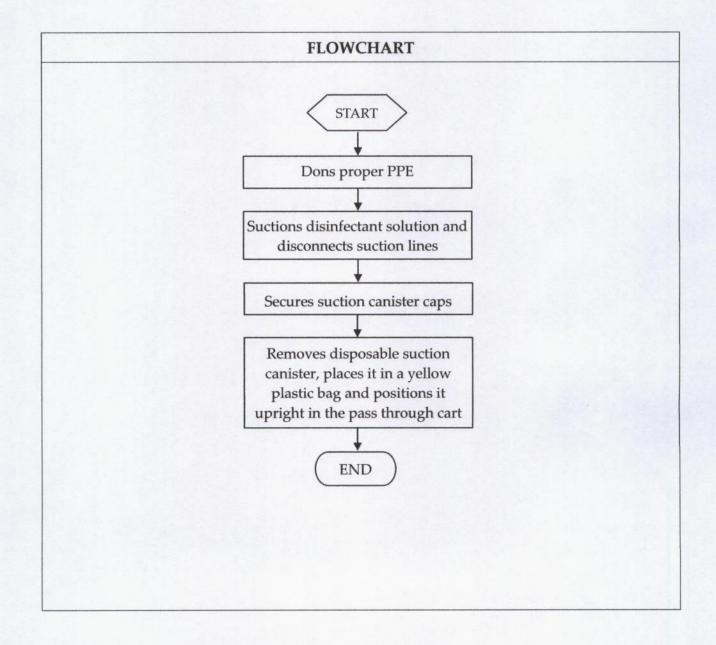
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	KEY TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1.	Dons proper PPE (eye wear, gloves).	
2.	Suctions with disinfectant solution and disconnect suction lines from disposable canister.	
3.	Secures all caps to suction ports.	
4.	Removes used suction canister from holder.	Surgical Complex Personnel
5.	Places canister(s) (no more than 8 per yellow plastic bag) in an upright position into the pass through cart for collection.	or Housekeeping Aide
6.	Uses disinfectant solution to clean up spills immediately.	



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