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HYGIENE GUIDELINES PROPOFOL

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Attachment:**POLICY:**

Special precautions must be exercised with Propofol infusions to reduce the likelihood of bacterial contamination.

PROCEDURE:**1. SYRINGES:**

- Ampoules and vials of Propofol will be opened as close as possible to the time of administration. The syringe/infusion will be labeled as to time, date and clinician's initials.
- Aseptic technique will be used in handling Propofol.
- ALL SYRINGES CONTAINING PROPOFOL WILL BE DISPOSED OF WITHIN 6 HOURS FROM THE TIME OF OPENING THE AMPULE OR VIAL.
- ALL syringes containing Propofol will be LABELED WITH THE DATE AND TIME that the ampoule or vial was opened to assure disposal within 6 hours.

2. INFUSIONS:

- Aseptic technique will be used in handling Propofol.
- When Propofol is infused directly from a vial via a closed system, the administration tubing and unused portion of the Propofol remaining in the vial should be discarded 12 hours after vial entry.
- Propofol syringe infusions direct from the vial will be LABELED with THE DATE AND TIME of vial entry as well as the clinician's initials. The remaining content of the multi-dose vial will be LABELED with the DATE AND TIME of vial entry as well as clinician's initials. Syringe infusions and opened multi-dose vials will be disposed of within 6 hours from the time of opening the vial.

Russell T. Wall, MD
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