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* **PROCEDURE** *

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MATERNAL SERVICES
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TITLE: CARE OF USED INSTRUMENTS

PURPOSE: To outline procedure for care of reusable instruments and provide safe, efficient, and cost effective care of reusable instrument supplies.

SUPPORTIVE DATA: The CFC maintains a stock of reusable instruments for patient care. These include the following:

1. Speculums, single wrapped
2. Delivery table includes 15 sterile instruments, wrapped as one pack:
 - 2 Carmalt forceps (large Kelly-like)
 - 3 pairs scissors
 - 2 Allis
 - 2 Ring forceps (sponge sticks)
 - 2 Mosquito forceps
 - 1 Smooth forceps ("pick-ups")
 - 1 Mouse toothed forceps ("pick-ups")
 - 1 Needle holder
 - 1 Medicine cup
3. Paracervical Sets:
 - 1 Kobek needle and guide
 - 1 Glass syringe--10 cc volume
 - 1 Medicine cup
4. An assortment of instruments that are single wrapped in a clear peel-back wrapper. These include:
 - Gelpi
 - Various retractors
 - Packing forceps
 - Duplicates of instruments found in the delivery set
 - Large metal basins, single wrapped
5. Circumcision Set, wrapped as one pack:
 - a. - 1 pair small scissors
 - 1 probe
 - 3 straight mosquito forceps
 - 1 curved mosquito forceps
 - 1 scalpel blade handle
 - b. Gomco Set, packaged one per size (1.1, 1.3, 1.45)
 - c. Mogan Set, 1 per package
6. Special instrument tray
7. Cut down trays

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE STEPS:

KEY POINTS:

1. After the procedure is completed, obtain the instrument transport container from the dirty utility room.
2. Put on the gloves and any other protective barriers needed. "Standard Precautions"
3. Account for all instruments used. Compare to count of instruments used to set up the procedure.
4. Open all clamped and scissor-type instruments. Access to all surfaces for soaking
5. Place all instruments into the transport container.
6. Bring the filled soiled instrument container to the soiled utility room.
7. Spray soiled items directly with Renuzyme foam spray until all items are saturated. Do not add water to basin
8. Cover the container securely with its lid. Prevent leakage of hazardous waste.
9. Place the container on the cart in the soiled utility room for Central Supply to pick-up.
10. Instruments and instrument sets are processed in central supply and returned to CFC (wrapped and sterilized according to Central Supply Standards).