Veterinary Science
Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant
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Sterile Gloves & Gowns

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Objectives

- Describe the procedure for putting on gowns
- Describe the procedure for putting on gloves
- Discuss sources of contamination
Surgeons and assistants must wear sterile gloves and gowns.
Gloving Techniques

- Closed gloving – when wearing sterile surgical gown for major procedure

- Open gloving – when not wearing sterile surgical gown for minor procedure
Gowning Technique by Assistant

- Remove gown from autoclaved bundle
- Hold at neck and allow to unroll
- Shake out and unfold it
- Avoid touching front surface of gown
- Avoid gown touching any object
- Hold back of gown toward wearer
- Wearer inserts both arms
- Fasten ties from back
- Sterile areas – front chest, arms (wrist to elbow)
After gowning, the surgeon is gloved.
Closed Gloving Technique

- Having the outside glove wrapper open before scrubbing allows the surgeon to lift the left glove with his/her right hand, holding the glove by the turned down cuff. This prevents touching of the outside surface of the glove.
Without unfolding the cuff, place the left hand into the glove while the right hand carefully pulls the glove up, leaving the cuff turned down.
The left gloved hand then reaches under the turned down cuff of the right glove and steadies it while inserting the right hand.
Then, by reaching under the turned down cuff, the wearer can pull the glove up snugly and unfold the cuff up over each wrist and sleeve of the gown.
After gowning, the surgeon is gloved.