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Dear Colleague


The first publications in the new Welsh Health Technical Memorandum series are now available from the Publications page of the NHS Wales Shared Services website. <http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/whe>

WHTM 01-01 gives guidance on the whole decontamination cycle in the management and decontamination of surgical instruments used in acute care.

 *WHTM 01-01 - Decontamination of medical devices within acute services Part A: Management and environment*
<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/254/WHTM%2001-01%20Part%20A.pdf>

Part A provides a description of the overall structure of the guidance and the rationale behind the following:

- the regulatory framework;
- roles of key personnel;
- procedures for the reporting of adverse incidents and defective equipment;
- local reprocessing (decontamination in primary care, and local decontamination);
- the management of instruments potentially contaminated with transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) infectivity.

 *WHTM 01-01 - Decontamination of medical devices within acute services Part B – Common elements*
<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/254/WHTM%2001-01%20PART%20B.pdf>

Part B covers common elements that apply to all methods of surgical instrument reprocessing such as:



- test equipment and materials;
- design and pre-purchase considerations;
- validation and verification.

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Yours sincerely

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