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WHTM 01-01 Decontamination of surgical instruments (medical devices) used in acute care Part A: Management and Provision

This Welsh Health Technical Memorandum provides guidance on the whole decontamination cycle in the management and decontamination of surgical instruments used in acute care. Part A covers the policy, management approach and choices available in the formulation of a locally developed, risk-controlled operational environment. The technical concepts are based on British (BS), European (EN) and International (ISO) Standards used alongside policy and broad guidance.

It replaces previous guidance: WHTM 01-01 Decontamination of medical devices within acute services Part A: Management and environment 2013.

It has been updated to take account of recent changes identified within the Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens – Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (ACDP-TSE) Subgroup's Annex C: General principles of decontamination.

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