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Requested

1. Does anyone have an active measure of the time from 'close of procedure to reprocessing (wash). If so, could you provide a rough average / max time delay (finger in the air is fine)
2. Does anyone have an active measure of the time from 'CSSD arrival to reprocessing (wash)? If so, could you provide a rough average / max time delay (finger in the air is fine)
3. Is your unit 24:7?
4. Do your logistics between theatre and CSSD stop overnight? If so, for roughly what duration do they do so
5. Do your logistics between theatre and CSSD stop over the weekend period? If so, for roughly what duration do they do so
6. Roughly, what proportion of times would you say the washroom is cleared of instrument trays at the point when washrooms close (overnight or weekend). An approximate percentage is fine.
7. If your logistics stop, do you utilize any pre-treatment at this stage to prevent drying?
8. If your logistics stop, do you use any products (or simple bags) to retain moisture at this stage to prevent drying?
9. On arrival at sterile services, do you apply any cleaning agents to aid soil removal, prior to any pre-clean activity?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms, during routine working hours, used instruments are collected from theatres on an hourly basis; therefore, the time taken from close of procedure to reprocessing is a maximum of one (1) hour.
2. The UHB confirms, during routine working hours provided a washer disinfector is available, used instruments are placed in the washer disinfectors within fifteen (15) minutes of arrival in Central Sterile Service Department (CSSD). If no washer disinfector is available, there may be a delay of up to one (1) hour, depending on the cycle time remaining on the washer disinfectors in use.
3. The UHB's CSSD is not open twenty four (24) hours a day, seven days (7) a week. An on call emergency service is provided outside of opening hours.
4. The UHB confirms the logistics between theatre and CSSD do stop overnight. The CSSD's opening hours are 06.45 to 19.00 Monday to Friday.

5. The UHB confirms the logistics between theatre and CSSD do stop over the weekend period. The CSSD's opening hours over the weekend are 07.00 to 14.30.
6. The UHB confirms 100% of CSSD washrooms are cleared of instrument trays when they close. Any used instruments remaining in the washrooms are placed in the washer disinfectors prior to the department's closure.
7. The UHB confirms during the CSSD's closure times, in emergency situations, heavily soiled instruments are sprayed with a foam spray to keep instruments moist until reprocessing occurs during the department's opening hours.
8. In addition to the process described in response to question 7, heavily soiled instruments and endoscopes are cleaned at the bedside, using a pre-mixed detergent solution and placed into a humid bag.
9. The UHB confirms on arrival of the instruments in CSSD, no cleaning agents are used to aid soil removal. Any visible soiled or difficult to clean instruments are manually cleaned within CSSD washrooms, prior to loading into the washer disinfectors.