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For the Evaluator: Check the appropriate box according to the Clinician's ability to perform the defined skill: **S = Satisfactory** **U = Unsatisfactory** Place any comments if necessary and initial.

Evaluator (print name): _____

Objective: To perform basic sterile technique according to the standard of care.

Sterile Technique	OBS	S	U	Comments	Initials
Gather the necessary equipment.					
Check packages for integrity, moisture, and expiration dates.					
Provide a clean surface on which to prepare the equipment.					
Verify the physician's order.					
If necessary, make sure that the practitioner has obtained informed consent and that it is in the patient's medical record.					
Perform hand hygiene.					
Confirm the patient's identity using at least two patient identifiers.					
Provide privacy.					
Explain the procedure to the patient and family.					
Assess for pain and administer analgesics, as indicated, following safe medication administration practices.					
Remove your rings, watch, and bracelets.					
Perform hand hygiene.					
Put on the necessary personal protective equipment for the procedure.					

Opening sterile kits	OBS	S	U	Comments	Initials
Remove the outer wrapper.					
Place the kit on a clean, dry surface.					
Position the kit so that you can open the farthest flap first.					
Open the first flap away from you.					
Open each side flap using the hand on the same side as the flap. Open the innermost flap.					
Secure the wrapper edges.					

Opening wrapped sterile items	OBS	S	U	Comments	Initials
Grasp the sterile item in your nondominant hand.					
Break the sterilization tape.					
Grasp the outermost surface and open the outermost flap away from your body with your dominant hand.					
Open the side flaps, securing them in your nondominant hand.					
Open the inner flap.					
Place the item on the sterile field without touching the field and keeping it 1" (2.5 cm) away from the edge.					

Opening peel-pack containers or pouches	OBS	S	U	Comments	Initials
Grasp the unsealed corner of the wrapper and pull it toward you.					
Open a peel-pack pouch (such as gloves and syringes) by grasping each side of the unsealed edge with the thumb side of each hand parallel to the seal and pulling it apart gently.					
Hold the sides back so that the wrap covers your hands and exposes the sterile item.					
If the item is light, drop it onto the sterile field. Do not allow the item to slide across the package sides when dropping it onto the sterile field. Give heavy items to a scrubbed person or open them on a separate surface.					

Pouring sterile solutions	OBS	S	U	Comments	Initials
Open the wrapped package containing the sterile bowl. Label the bowl with the name of the solution to be poured into it.					
Visually inspect the solution container; do not use the solution if it has expired or is compromised.					
Unwrap the seal on the sterile solution bottle.					
Pour the solution into the sterile bowl without splashing the sterile field or touching the bowl.					
Discard any unused solution.					

Opening and putting on sterile gloves	OBS	S	U	Comments	Initials
Open the package containing the gloves.					
Place the paper glove wrapper on a clean, dry, flat surface.					
Open the inner package, touching only the outer edges of the wrapper.					
Use the thumb and fingers of your nondominant hand to grasp the inner surface of the glove for the dominant hand.					
Insert your dominant hand into the glove, palm side up.					
Pull down the cuff, touching only the inner surface of the glove.					
Insert the fingers of your gloved hand into the sterile outer cuff of the other glove and lift the glove.					
Insert your nondominant hand into the glove.					
Uncuff the glove without touching the skin of your arm.					
Adjust your gloved fingers.					
Keep your hands above waist level.					

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