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This chapter cited in 55 Pa. Code § 6100.2 (relating to applicability).

**GENERAL PROVISIONS****§ 149.1. Principle.**

Central supply service functions shall be effectively organized, directed and staffed by qualified personnel.

**§ 149.2. Director.**

The person in charge of central supply services shall be qualified by education, training, or experience in the intended purposes of this department. He shall participate in the development of the departmental policies, procedures, and training programs, shall supervise, schedule and assign responsibilities to personnel, and shall maintain communication with other department heads in the hospital.

**§ 149.3. Facilities.**

The hospital shall have a central supply service physically separated from other areas. Central supply service shall be provided with facilities to process, sterilize, store, and dispense supplies and equipment.

**POLICIES****§ 149.11. Availability of supplies and equipment.**

The hospital shall have an effective written plan for the availability of all necessary materials, equipment and supplies.

**§ 149.12. Handling of equipment.**

All hospital employes using sterile supplies shall be advised of sterilization controls, rotation schedules for stored equipment, appropriate and proper use of all sterile equipment, and methods for handling and returning contaminated materials.

**§ 149.13. Prevention of transmission of pathogens.**

There shall be written policies and procedures to prevent indirect and direct transmission of pathogens or other toxic substances with materials issued from the central supply service.

**§ 149.14. Central supply service education program.**

Although initial orientation of employes in the central supply service should be sufficient to enable them to carry out the tasks outlined in their job descriptions, they should have further on-the-job training and continuing education in the areas of asepsis and other pertinent topics applicable to the services rendered by the service.

**§ 149.15. Reference material.**

Current reference manuals, pamphlets, journals, and books, as well as information and scientific data from manufacturers concerning their products and equipment, should be made available for reference and guidance of central supply service personnel and potential users of the equipment and supplies.

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