Special Facilities: Aseptic Surgery

Date:
Location:
Inspection Team:

- **General Considerations:**
  - location minimizes traffic/contamination (*Guide, p 144*)
  - functional components (surgical support, animal preparation, surgeon scrub, operating room, postoperative recovery) are designed and separated (physically or otherwise) (*Guide, p 144*)
  - appropriate drug storage, control, expiration date monitoring (*Guide, pp 115, 122*)
  - safe sharps disposal system (*Guide, p 74*)
  - adequate records of anesthesia and perioperative care (*Guide, p 122*)
  - aseptic procedures in use for all survival surgery (*Guide, pp 118-119*)

- **Operating Room:**
  - effective contamination control procedures (*Guide, p 144*)
  - effective cleaning procedures/dedicated tools (*Guide, p 145*)
  - interior surfaces smooth and impervious to moisture (*Guide, p 145*)
  - HVAC system meets *Guide* requirements (*Guide, p 145*)
  - lighting safe and appropriate (*Guide, p 145*)
  - outlets safe and appropriate (*Guide, p 145*)
  - scavenging of anesthetic gases implemented (*Guide, p 145*)

- **Surgical Support:**
  - facility for washing, sterilizing, storing instruments and supplies (*Guide, p 145*)
  - autoclave monitoring procedures are implemented (*Guide, pp 119, 145*)
  - storage of autoclaved materials maintains sterility (*Guide, p 145*)
  - cold sterilization procedures are appropriate (*Guide, p 119*)

- **Animal Preparation:** contains large sink to facilitate cleaning of animal and operative site (*Guide, p 145*)

- **Surgeon Scrub:** outside operating room, non-hand-operated sink (*Guide, p 145*)

- **Postoperative Recovery:** allows adequate observation, easily cleaned, supports physiologic functions, minimizes risk of injury (*Guide, p 145*)

- **Dressing Area:** place for personnel to change (*Guide, p 145*)

* A = acceptable  
M = minor deficiency  
S = significant deficiency (is or may be a threat to animal health or safety)  
C = change in program (PHS Policy IV.A.1.a.-i.) (include in semiannual report to IO and in annual report to OLAW)  
NA = not applicable

**NOTES:**