

Asepsis Program Policy

Policy Owner: Epidemiology

POLICY STATEMENT

All incoming medical residents and medical students, including those who are visiting AU Medical Center (AUMC) must complete the Asepsis Program.

The purpose of the policy is to assure that the incoming medical residents, medical students, whether a part of AUMC or visiting from another facility have training in the guidelines for aseptic/sterile technique utilized at AUMC.

AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Indicate all entities and persons within the Enterprise that are affected by this policy:

- Hired Staff
- Housestaff/Residents & Clinical Fellows
- Leased staff
- Medical Staff (includes Physicians, PAs, APNs)
- Vendors/Contractors
- Other: Include any other stakeholders not listed above.

DEFINITIONS

Asepsis: The absence of pathogenic organisms or the prevention of pathogenic organisms from causing disease or an infection.

Aseptic/Sterile Technique: A set of specific practices and procedures performed under carefully controlled conditions with the goal of minimizing contamination by pathogens.

PROCESS & PROCEDURES

Education on aseptic/sterile technique, known as the Asepsis Program offered through Infection Prevention, will be provided to all new AUMC residents and AU medical students. This program is mandatory and must be completed by all residents during Graduate Medical Education (GME) orientation or within the first month of employment if GME orientation is not attended. All AU medical students must complete the Asepsis program prior to their Surgery or Obstetric clerkship, whichever comes first.

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All visiting residents must complete this requirement prior to or at the beginning of their visit during a pre-scheduled Asepsis Program. Visiting residents who reside over 100 miles from AUMC are offered an alternative. The didactic part of the program is sent via email to be viewed prior to visiting. Upon arrival to AUMC, the competency skills check-off must be completed.

Visiting medical students may submit documentation from their school verifying that they are competent in the skills of the Asepsis Program to the Augusta University Medical Center, Visiting Student Coordinator.

Admission to the AUMC Operating Rooms/sterile fields for the persons identified above will be based upon the successful completion of the "Asepsis Program."

REFERENCES, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AND TOOLS

The Joint Commission 2018 National Patient Safety Goals, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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