



There are many reasons a patient will end up in the OR...some could be

- They need their gallbladder or appendix out
- A sudden fall, a shattered wrist an unexpected surgery to fix
- A new hip or knee that will allow pain free movement again
- A new heart valve or coronary bypass
- A shocking cancer diagnosis, now here to establish extent, remove and hopefully begin to heal
- They want to regain that youthful look and remove wrinkles, or add something here and there
- Repairing the trauma of being an innocent victim caught in a crossfire or being the intended target of that gunfire

They come to the OR to be healed not to leave with a Surgical Site Infection (SSI)...

- To prevent SSI we control the environment the best we can
 - As an observer you are part of that process

It is the responsibility of everyone that enters the OR, including those just observing, to understand and follow basic principles of sterile technique to help keep our patients safe and free from infection.

- Require appropriate surgical attire
- Restrict access to the surgical areas
- Practice sterile technique to prevent contamination of the sterile field

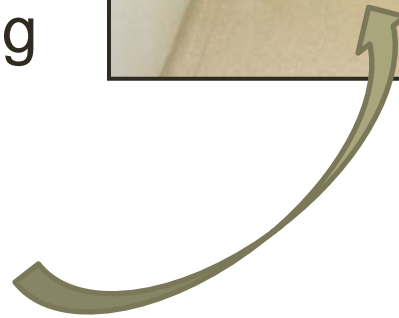
- “Scrubs”

- Hospital supplied
- Help to reduce contamination from the environment
- Cannot be worn or taken home return them before you leave

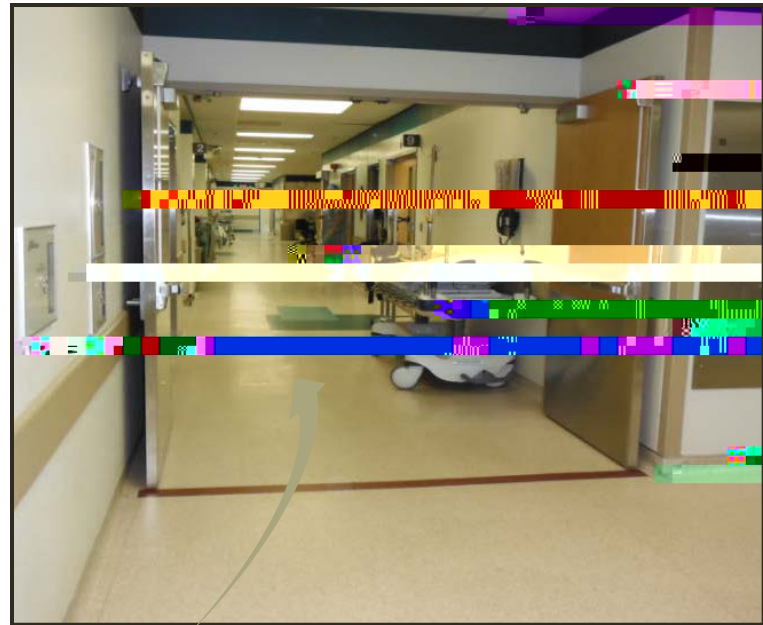




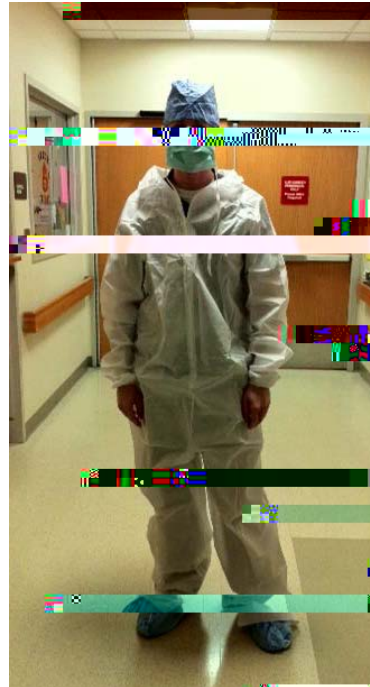
- Street clothes are allowed
- Unrestricted areas include:
 - Lounge, Locker Rooms
 - Front Desk
 - PACU and Preop Holding Area (POHA)
 - External hallways (“before the red line”)



- Peripheral support areas of the OR
- Include:
 - Hallways leading to the OR Suites
 - Storage areas for clean and sterile supplies
 - Work areas for processing instruments
 - Scrub sinks
- Located BEHIND the red line on the floor
- Before you open the door to the OR Suites



- Scrubs, booties, a hat or a bunny suit (which goes over street clothes) must be worn in the semi-restricted areas at all times
- “White coats” are not to be worn in this area
- Please—no personal items may be brought into the OR (backpacks, phones, cameras, laptops, etc)



- Highest level of restriction
- Includes
 - OR Suites
 - Procedure Rooms
 - Sterile Core—where instruments and supplies are stored
- OR Attire must include:
 - Scrubs
 - Hat/hoods
 - Hat cover all hair and earrings
 - Hood is worn if a beard is present – goes over the head and ties around the neck
 - Booties
 - Mask
 - Eye Protection



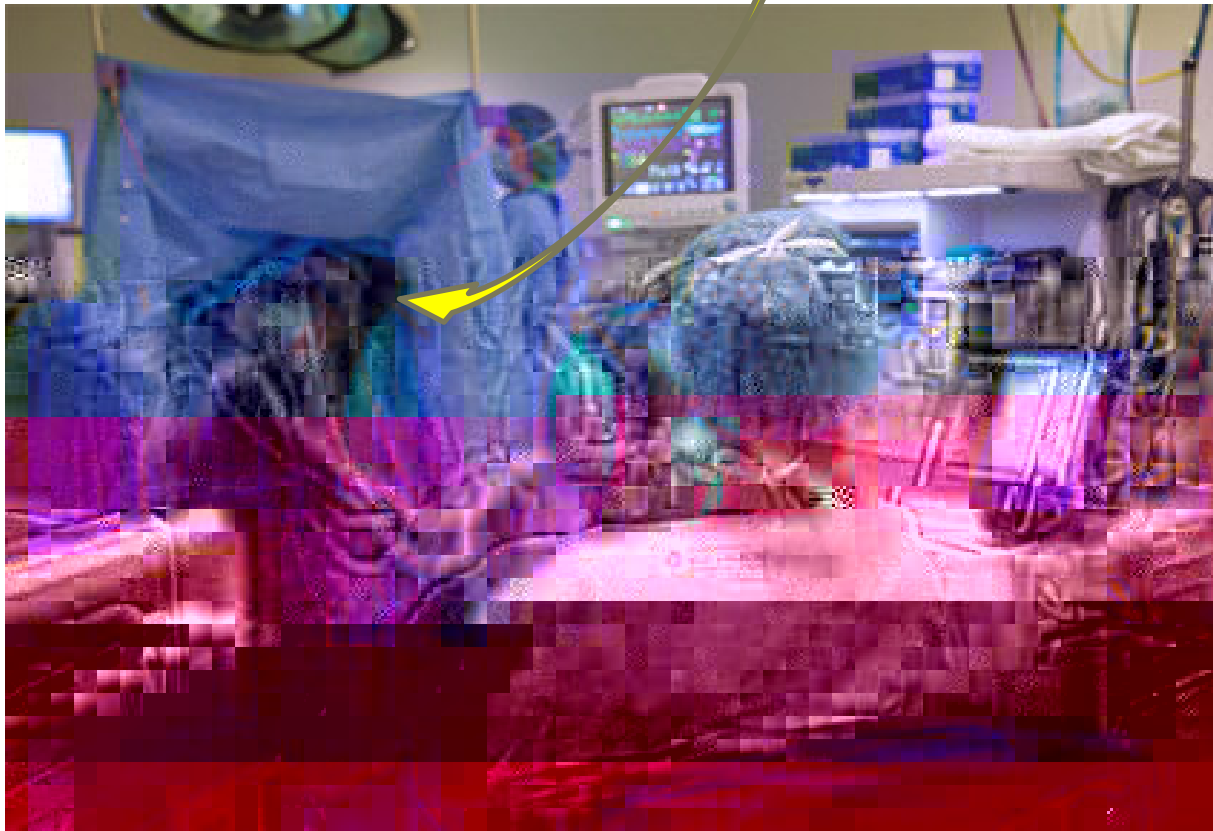
Now what



These are the items that get covered with clear sterile drapes



The area behind the surgical drape is the Anesthesia Provider area – this area is





Other Important things about observing....

- Never forget HIPAA Patient privacy is always a priority!





