Purpose: To define the standard skin preparation used to prepare the surgical site to ensure the skin microorganisms are brought to a reducible minimum and the patient is protected from postoperative infections.

Healthcare Personnel: Wash hands with Techni-Care prior to gloving! Protect yourself and your family!!

Recto-Perineal Procedure

Supplies: Sterile 4x4 gauze, sterile gloves, sterile sponge, Techni-Care® – C222-4ZWO

Extent: Pubis, external genitalia, perineum and anus, inner aspects to upper third of both thighs.

Begin prep with pubis; progress down over perineum and anus, discard sponge and all other materials after contact with anus. Inner aspects of thighs are prepped using separate sponges. When a combined abdominal perineal procedure is to be done the perineal prep is done first and the abdominal prep is second. Gloves are changed between the two prep areas.

Vaginal Procedure

Supplies: Sterile 4x4, sterile gloves or vaginal sponge, Techni-Care® – C222-4ZWO

Extent: Pubis, vulva, labia, perineum, anus and inner aspects of upper third of thighs.

Prep is started with cleansing the pubis, progressing downward over the vulva and perineum and last over the anus. The inner aspect of the thighs is cleansed from the labia majora to the inner aspect of the upper third of the thighs. Each sponge in contact with the anus is discarded. The vagina is prepped last. Techni-Care® is liberally applied to a folded 4x4 gauze held in a sponge stick to cleanse the vagina and cervix. The vagina and cervix may need to be moistened with a sterile water soaked gauze before applying Techni-Care® prep to insure ease of application. Catheterization is done following the prep. Rinse thoroughly to remove fluids and blood after surgical procedure.