

14. SURGERY

Objective: Safety of patients and workers requires that surgery take place in a manner that is aseptic and reduces the risk of nosocomial infections in patients.

Major surgical procedures performed on companion animals may only be performed in a surgical suite in a hospital. An exception is a practice that is accredited to perform certain major surgical procedures (e.g., spays and neuters) on companion animals through a Surgical Mobile for Companion Animals. See C. Surgical Mobile for Companion Animals.

Certain major surgical procedures on large animals are performed at the location where the animal is kept. It is also recognized that certain major surgical procedures on large animals performed in a hospital may not always be performed in a surgical suite (e.g., bovine caesarian section or equine castration). B. Mobile for Large Animal Ambulatory Surgery applies.

Major surgery performed in a facility is performed in a dedicated, single purpose surgical suite. Practices with sinks in the surgical suite will now be required to remove them prior to the inspection. Legacy provision is no longer permitted.

When certain major surgical procedures on large animals are performed in a facility outside the surgical suite (e.g., bovine caesarian section or equine castration) the requirements in B. Mobile for Large Animal Ambulatory Surgery must be met.

A. IN-FACILITY SURGICAL SUITE FOR ALL SPECIES (HOSPITAL) Requirements

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Surgical suites are separate, closed, single purpose rooms for aseptic surgery only. Equipment and materials housed/stored in the surgery room are limited to items directly related to the performance of aseptic surgery. Surgical suites must not be used as a consulting or storage room. This is a closed room with no through traffic.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The surgical suite is constructed and utilized in a manner that minimizes the potential for contamination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3. Equipment utilized in the surgical suite is properly cleaned, in good repair, and sufficient in number and variety to match the requirements of the species treated and the surgical case load.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. A surgery table or surface is provided and made of smooth nonporous material that can be readily sanitized.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Surgical lighting suitable for the accurate illumination of surgical sites on the patient is available. A surgical light is intended to assist the veterinarian during a surgical procedure by illumination of a local area or cavity of the patient.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. A separate room for preoperative preparation of surgical patients is convenient to the surgical suite and well-lit. Floors, walls and counter tops must be of smooth, impervious material which is easily cleaned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. A standard accepted procedure is used to prepare the patient for surgery. All team members involved in the pre-surgical preparation of patients understand the risk and sources of bacterial contamination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Scrubbing up area is provided outside the surgical suite. This area is protected from contamination by location and/or cleaning protocol.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Supplies to perform hand and arm scrub are present including an appropriate surgical scrub agent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. There is a range of suitable sterile surgical instruments, supplies, consumables and suture materials for the work undertaken.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Surgical instrumentation and reusable supplies must be properly cleaned, sterilized and in good repair. Cold sterile is not an acceptable sterilization method for surgical instruments to be used for major surgery.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Autoclaves and other sterilization equipment are maintained and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A steam sterilizer of sufficient size to sterilize the quantity of surgical packs necessary for the expected case load is present outside of the surgical suite.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Separate sterilized surgical packs are used for each major surgical procedure. A means to confirm sterilization is used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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14. Proper surgical attire is worn during aseptic procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>15. Informed client consent for surgery is documented in the record.</p> <p>For companion animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The written consent to the surgical treatment signed by or on behalf of the owner of the animal. ii. A note that the owner of the animal or a person on the owner's behalf consented orally to the surgical treatment, and the reason why the consent was not in writing. iii. A note that neither the owner of the animal nor anyone on the owner's behalf was available to consent to the surgical treatment, and the reason why, in the member's opinion, it was medically advisable to conduct the surgical treatment. <p>For large animals informed consent for surgery permits verbal consent or written consent. If the client consents verbally, then there is a note in the record to indicate this.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>16. Medical record-keeping systems are in place that include surgical treatment details and all team members involved in the surgery.</p> <p>Surgical Logs are maintained separately or in combination with Anesthetic Logs. The surgical log enables auditing of surgical outcomes.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<p>17. If laser surgery is performed, a practice team member is designated as the person in charge of laser safety and ensures that the practice adheres to established safety precautions.</p> <p>Dispersion of laser plume contains toxic gases and biological particles and as such an appropriate air evacuation system must be used.</p> <p>Eye wear must be worn while providing laser surgery.</p> <p>Laser protective eye wear must be labeled with the same wavelength as is emitted by the laser that is to be used.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Notes Section: Explain or list the equipment and supplies at your facility and how the requirements are met. Describe any procedures or processes at your facility to meet the requirement.</p>			