

## Standard Implementation in COVID-19 Pandemic for Perioperative Management



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# Building Blocks

- Strategies to reduce the risk of infection and enhance safety
- AORN guidelines and updated guidelines in the era of COVID-19 (evidenced-based)
  - ✓ Environmental cleaning
  - ✓ Surgical smoke (air quality)
  - ✓ Reprocessing of surgical instruments



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# 1

## Strategies to reduce the risk of infection and enhance safety



# ประเด็นคำถามในช่วงสถานการณ์ COVID-19



- แนวทางการปฏิบัติในการล้าง การทำลายเชื้อและการทำให้ปราศจากเชื้อ เครื่องมือที่ใช้กับผู้ป่วยที่ได้รับการวินิจฉัยหรือสงสัยว่ามีการติดเชื้อ COVID-19 ต่างจากเดิมหรือไม่
- เครื่องมือที่ซับซ้อนและมีจำนวนจำกัด ควรบริหารจัดการอย่างไรให้สามารถใช้งานได้อย่างปลอดภัย เพียงพอ และทันต่อความต้องการ
- แนวทางการปฏิบัติในการบริหารจัดการสิ่งแวดล้อมในห้องผ่าตัด
- แนวทางการปฏิบัติสำหรับการผ่าตัดผู้ป่วยติดเชื้อ COVID-19 ในต่างประเทศ มีอะไรที่แตกต่างหรือควรนำมาปรับใช้ในการผ่าตัดในประเทศไทยหรือไม่
- อุปกรณ์ป้องกันอันตรายส่วนบุคคล PPE และเรื่อง decontamination หน้ากาก N95 Respirator (ขาดแคลน)
- อื่น ๆ อีกมากมาย

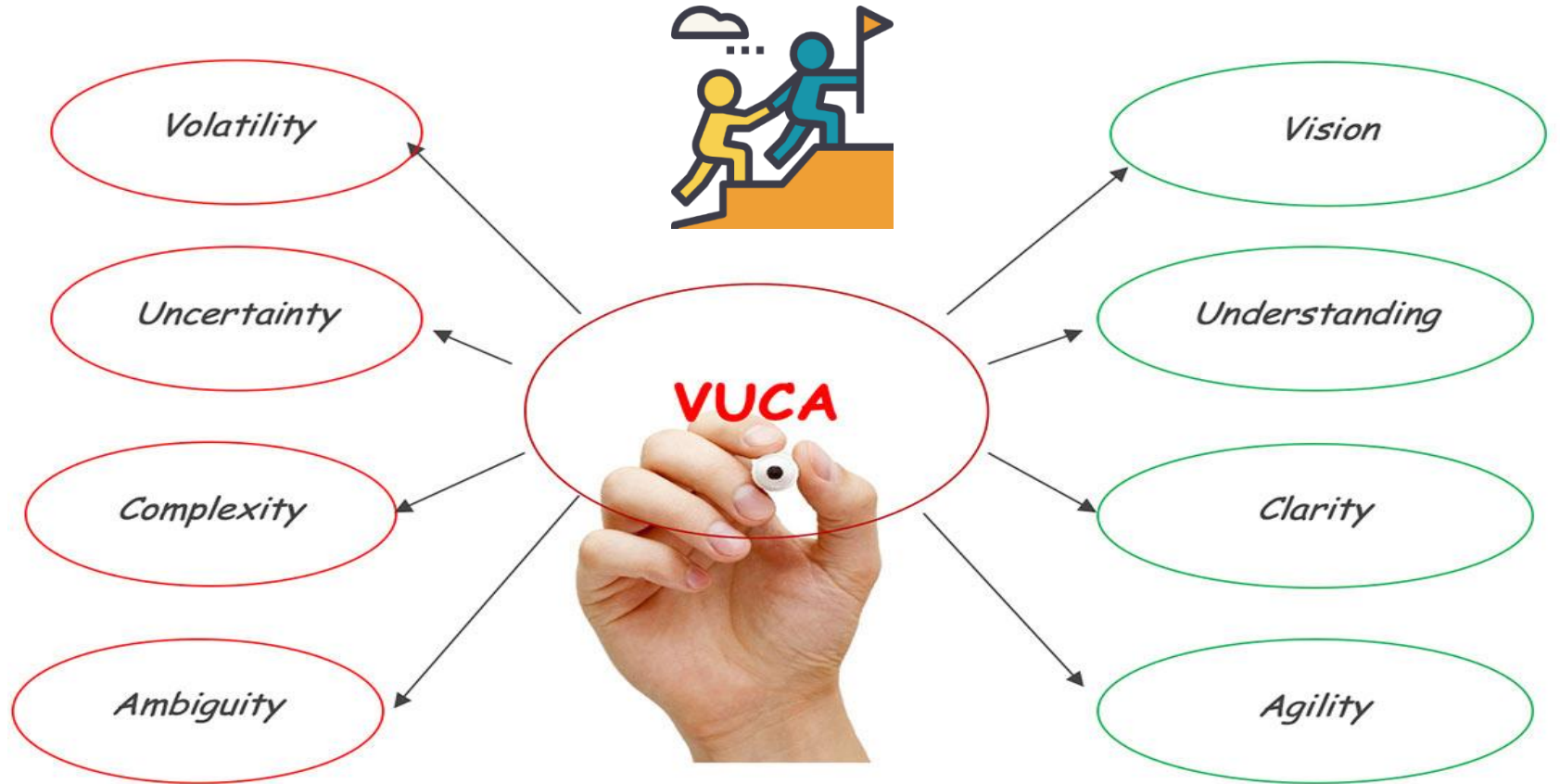


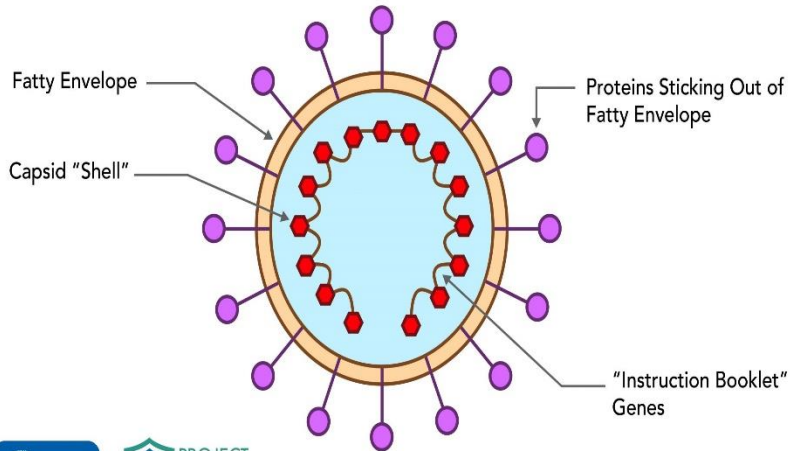
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# SARS-CoV-2 – Corona virus family

## THE PARTS OF VIRUSES

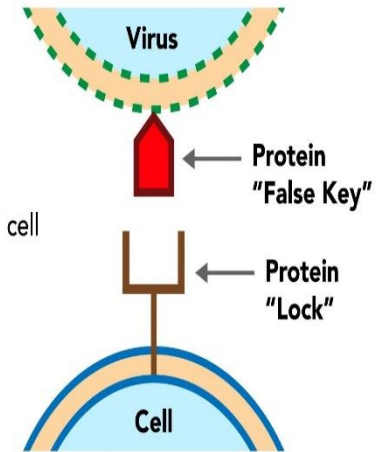


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## VIRUS LOCK AND KEY

### Viruses invade cells

- ▶ Viruses have "false key"
  - ▶ Not exact match
  - ▶ Close enough to "unlock" cell
- ▶ Uses cell to make more copies of itself

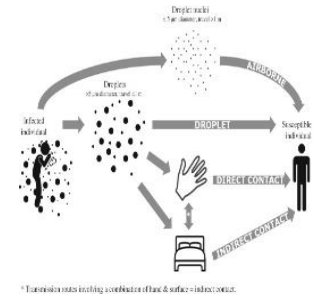


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# การแพร่กระจายของ SARS-CoV-2

SARS-CoV-2 is transmitted by exposure to infectious respiratory fluid

- การหายใจเอาละอองฝอย **droplet and aerosol** ที่มีการปนเปื้อนเชื้อเข้าสู่ระบบทางเดินหายใจ ( PPE, ventilation)
- เยื่อต่างๆ (mucous membrane) เช่น ตา จมูก ปาก สัมผัสกับละอองฝอยของเชื้อ (PPE)
- การสัมผัสเยื่อต่างๆ ด้วยมือที่มีการปนเปื้อนเชื้อ ( direct and indirect)



Main route : **Inhalation** of droplet and aerosol



# What can we do to protect ourselves and our patients from the **new virus strains (variant) ?**

Adherence to Universal Precautions  
Standard Precautions+ Transmission Precautions

**Every Patient**  
**Every Instrument**  
**Every Time**



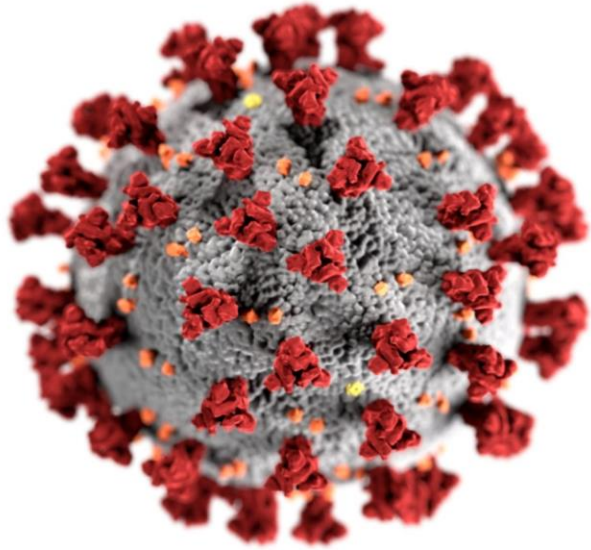
# Risk Assessment Situation Analysis Prioritization



**Going beyond the obvious!**

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# Hierarchy of Controls to Prevent Transmission



## HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS



*Start here*

# COVID-19 is a big deal, but it isn't the only *scary bug* you face on a daily basis



# Surgical Smoke Plume

สารเคมีอันตราย

- VOCs, aromatic hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide

อนุภาคที่อันตรายต่อปอด

- Fine particulate and ultrafine particulate matter

Viruses & Bacteria

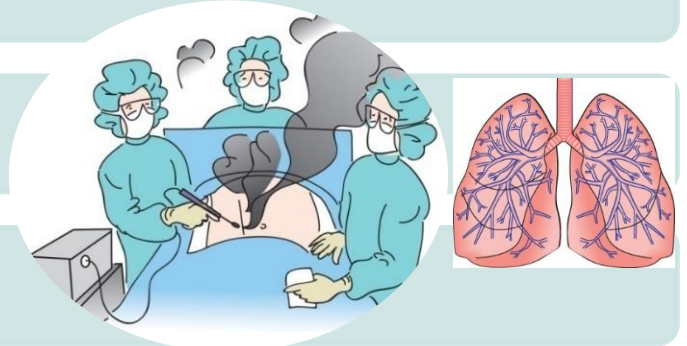
- HPV, HIV, HBV

Cellular material

- Cancer cells

เลือด

- Blood-contaminated aerosols in breathing zone



2021 AORN Guideline for Surgical Smoke. In: *Guideline for Perioperative Practice*. Denver, CO: AORN, Inc.



# HPV

Human papillomavirus (HPV)

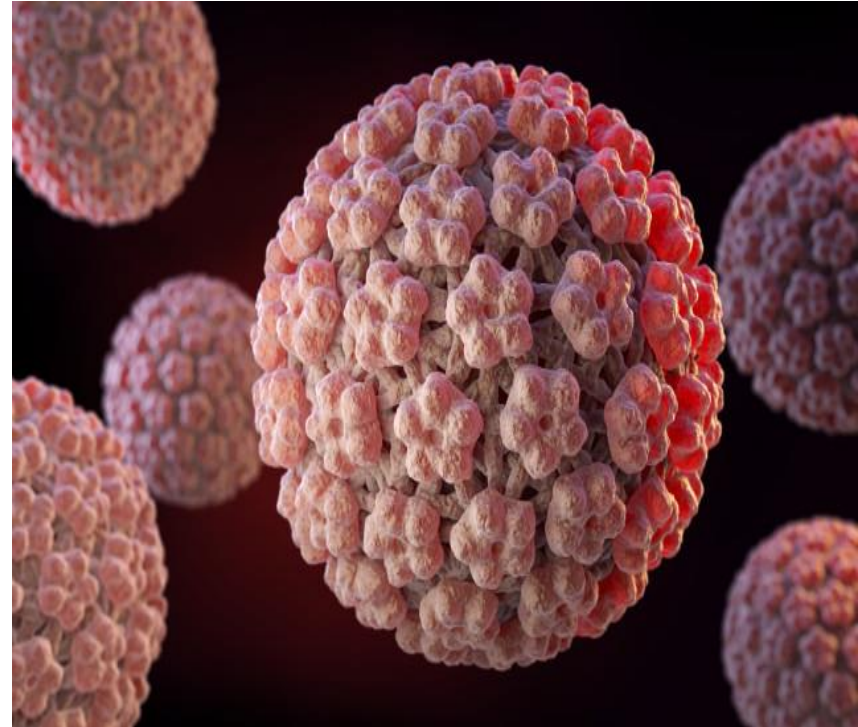
- Detectable in **surgical smoke**
- Potentially infectious

Fox-Lewis et al, 2020

- HPV DNA detected in loop electrosurgical excision procedures (LEEP) surgical smoke and surgeon nasal epithelial cells
- Possibly infectious

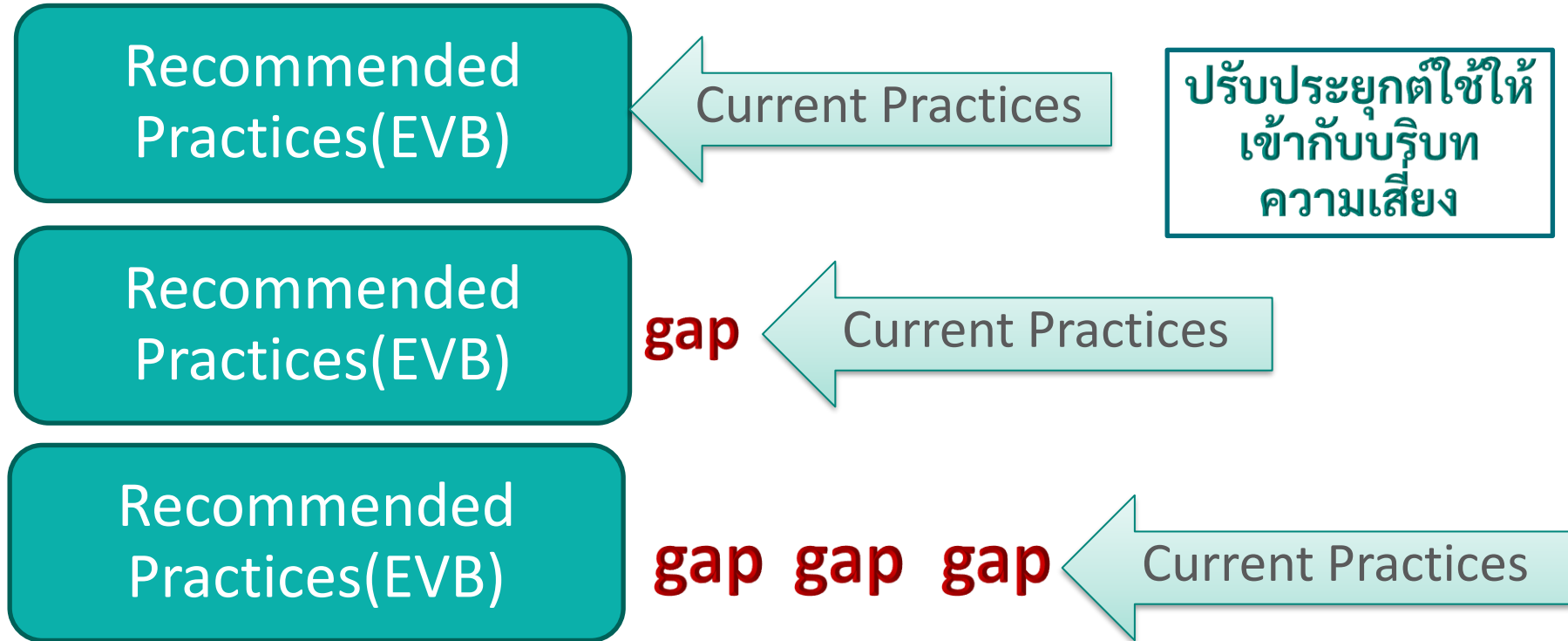
Zhou et al, 2019

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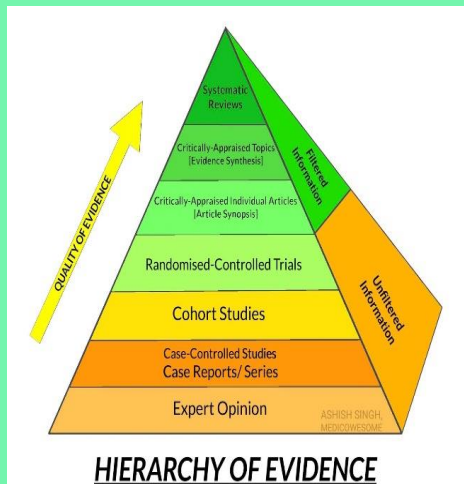
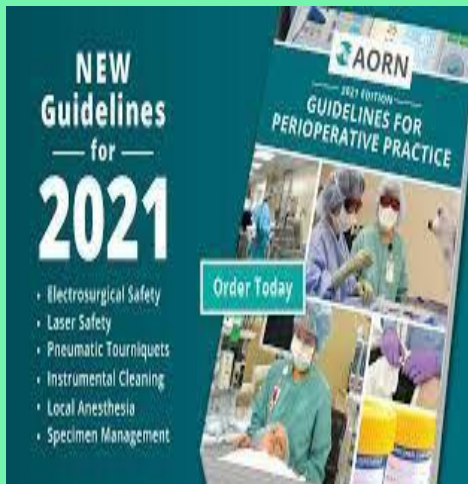


# คุณภาพและความปลอดภัย-Gap analysis



# 2

## AORN Guidelines and Update Guidelines in the Era of COVID-19



Joint Statement: Roadmap for Maintaining Essential Surgery during COVID-19 Pandemic

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Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
American Hospital Association

The bottom of the slide features the logos of the four organizations: American College of Surgeons, American Society of Anesthesiologists, AORN, and American Hospital Association.

# Common Risk Associated with CDS Failures

- ความคงเส้นคงวาในการปฏิบัติตามมาตรฐานวิธีการปฏิบัติ
- ไม่ปฏิบัติตามมาตรฐานวิธีการปฏิบัติ
- ไม่ปฏิบัติตามคำแนะนำของบริษัทผู้ผลิต
- IFU ไม่ update หรือไม่เหมาะสม
- การออกแบบเครื่องมือแพทย์ที่บกพร่อง
- การใช้เครื่องมือแพทย์ที่ชำรุด ขาดการบำรุงรักษา
- ผู้ปฏิบัติงานขาดการอบรมที่เหมาะสมและ competency
- Time constraint & Resource constraints
- การสื่อสาร ความเข้าใจ และทัศนคติ



CDS : Cleaning Disinfection Sterilization

IFU : Instruction For Use คำแนะนำของบริษัทผู้ผลิต

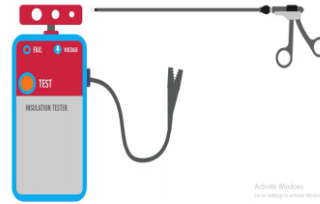
# First things first – are the right people at the table?

- **Interdisciplinary team members** to be included in the pre-purchase evaluation team:
- *Medical device processing personnel responsible for processing can **read and understand** the manufacturers' instructions for use (IFU).*

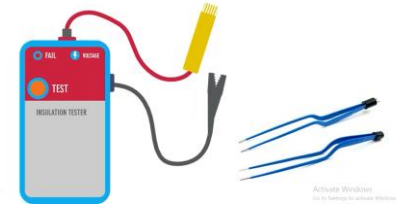


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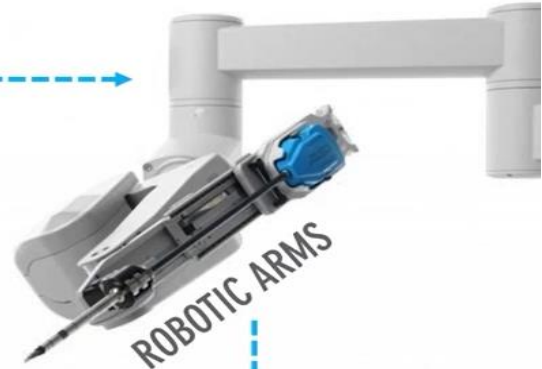
# Insulation Failure



- 3.5 Inspect active electrodes for **insulation failure** before during and after a procedure.
- 3.5.1 Use an active electrode insulation integrity tester while preparing active electrodes for packaging during processing
- 3.5.2 If an **insulation failure** is identified during processing, sterile processing personnel should remove the damaged device from service



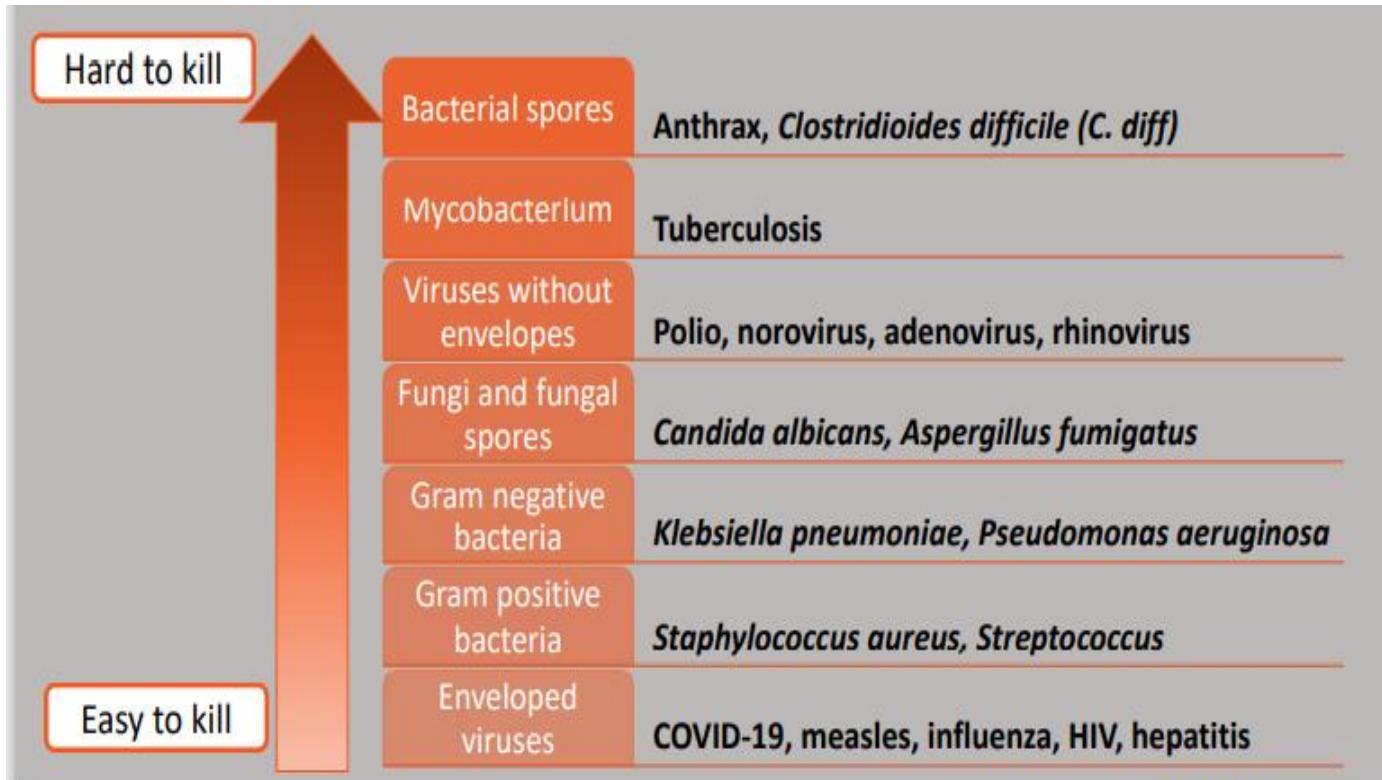
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# ลำดับความยากง่ายในการฆ่าเชื้อ



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## Cleaning

Semicritical items  
At least High Level  
Disinfection (HLD)

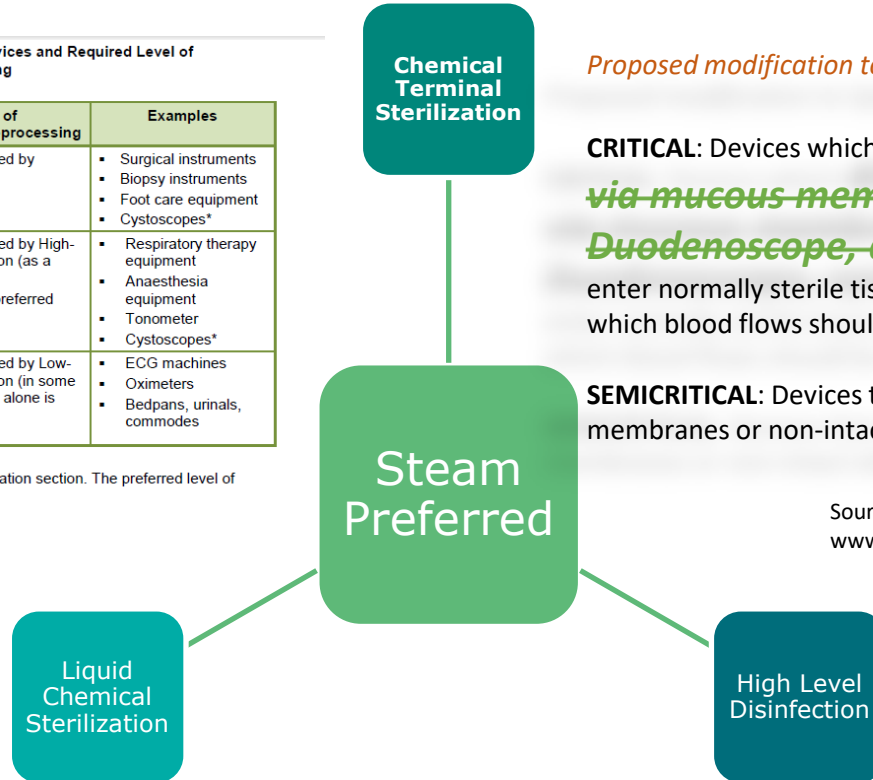


# Rutala(2015) Proposed Modification of the Spaulding – not accepted

Table 1: Spaulding's Classification of Medical Devices and Required Level of Processing/Reprocessing

Classification	Definition	Level of Processing/Reprocessing	Examples
Critical Device	Device that enters sterile tissues, including the vascular system	Cleaning followed by Sterilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surgical instruments</li> <li>Biopsy instruments</li> <li>Foot care equipment</li> <li>Cystoscopes*</li> </ul>
Semi-critical Device	Device that comes in contact with non-intact skin or mucous membranes but do not penetrate them	Cleaning followed by High-Level Disinfection (as a minimum) Sterilization is preferred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respiratory therapy equipment</li> <li>Anaesthesia equipment</li> <li>Tonometer</li> <li>Cystoscopes*</li> </ul>
Noncritical Device	Device that touches only intact skin and not mucous membranes, or does not directly touch the client/patient/resident	Cleaning followed by Low-Level Disinfection (in some cases, cleaning alone is acceptable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECG machines</li> <li>Oximeters</li> <li>Bedpans, urinals, commodes</li> </ul>

\*Cystoscopes – 2012 appear in Critical and Semi-critical classification section. The preferred level of reprocessing is sterilization.



*Proposed modification to Spaulding's Classification – not accepted*

**CRITICAL:** Devices which *directly or secondarily (i.e. via mucous membrane such as a Duodenoscope, cystoscope, bronchoscope)* enter normally sterile tissue or the vascular system or through which blood flows should be sterile.

**SEMICRITICAL:** Devices that comes in contact with mucous membranes or non-intact skin but does not penetrate them.

Source: Dr. William Rutala, USA APIC 2017, AJIC 2016:44  
[www.Sterilizationanddisinfection.org](http://www.Sterilizationanddisinfection.org)

Source: Berry and Kohn OR Technique 2016

# Endoscope is a high-risk proposition even without COVID-19

Endoscope types	Patients infected	Pathogens	Contributing factors	Sources
ERCP	32	MDRO, CRE, VRE, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>E. faecium</i>	Multiple breaches	FDA 8379810
Broncho	19	CR <i>K. pneumoniae</i> MDR <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Defects and visible residue	Galdys 2018
Uretero	14	MDR <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Multiple breaches; damaged scopes	Kumarage 2019
Broncho	6	MDR <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Damaged scopes	FDA 8383689
Gastro, Colono	3	New Delhi strain of CRE	Multiple breaches; cleaning, leak test	FDA 8242610
Cysto	2	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	Multiple breaches	FDA8364744

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfmaude/search.cfm> ( reported since 2018)

# FDA Safety Communication April 2021



UROLOGICAL ENDOSCOPES



- **From Jan 1, 2017 - Feb 20, 2021, The FDA received 450 MDRs** regarding patient infections or other possible contamination with reprocessing these devices
- **Outside of the U.S.** three reported deaths
- The FDA is emphasizing **the importance of following manufacturer's labeling and reprocessing**
- **Reprocessing steps** should include one of the following two options:
  - ❖ Precleaning, leak testing, cleaning, high level disinfection, rinsing and drying
  - ❖ Precleaning, leak testing, cleaning and sterilization

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/infections-associated-reprocessed-urological-endoscopes-letter-health-care-providers>

# FDA Safety Communication June 2021



- From January 2010 and June 2015, the FDA received 109 MDRs related to infections or device contamination
- Three were **seven reports of deaths**
- **Failures to follow IFU**, or continued use despite device integrity, maintenance and mechanical issues
- **Consider using sterilization (safety margin)** instead of HLD when feasible
- **If sterilization is not available** strictly adherence to standard reprocessing procedures

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safety-communications/flexible-bronchoscopes-and-updated-recommendations-reprocessing-fda-safety-communication>

# New Guidelines for COVID-19



Consider to use single use bronchoscope

## **American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (AABIP) Statement on the Use of Bronchoscopy and Respiratory Specimen Collection in Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Infection**


**Momen M. Wahidi,\* Carla Lamb, MD,\* MD, MBA; Septimiu Murgu, MD; Ali Musani, MD; Samira Shojaee, MD; Ashutosh Sachdeva, MD; Fabien Maldonado, MD; Kamran Mahmood, MD; Matthew Kinsey, MD; Sonali Sethi, MD; Amit Mahajan, MD; Adnan Majid, MD; Colleen Keyes, MD; Abdul Hamid Alraiyes, MD; Arthur Sung, MD; David Hsia, MD and George Eapen, MD.**

[https://journals.lww.com/bronchology/fulltext/2020/10000/american\\_association\\_for\\_bronchology\\_and.15.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/bronchology/fulltext/2020/10000/american_association_for_bronchology_and.15.aspx)

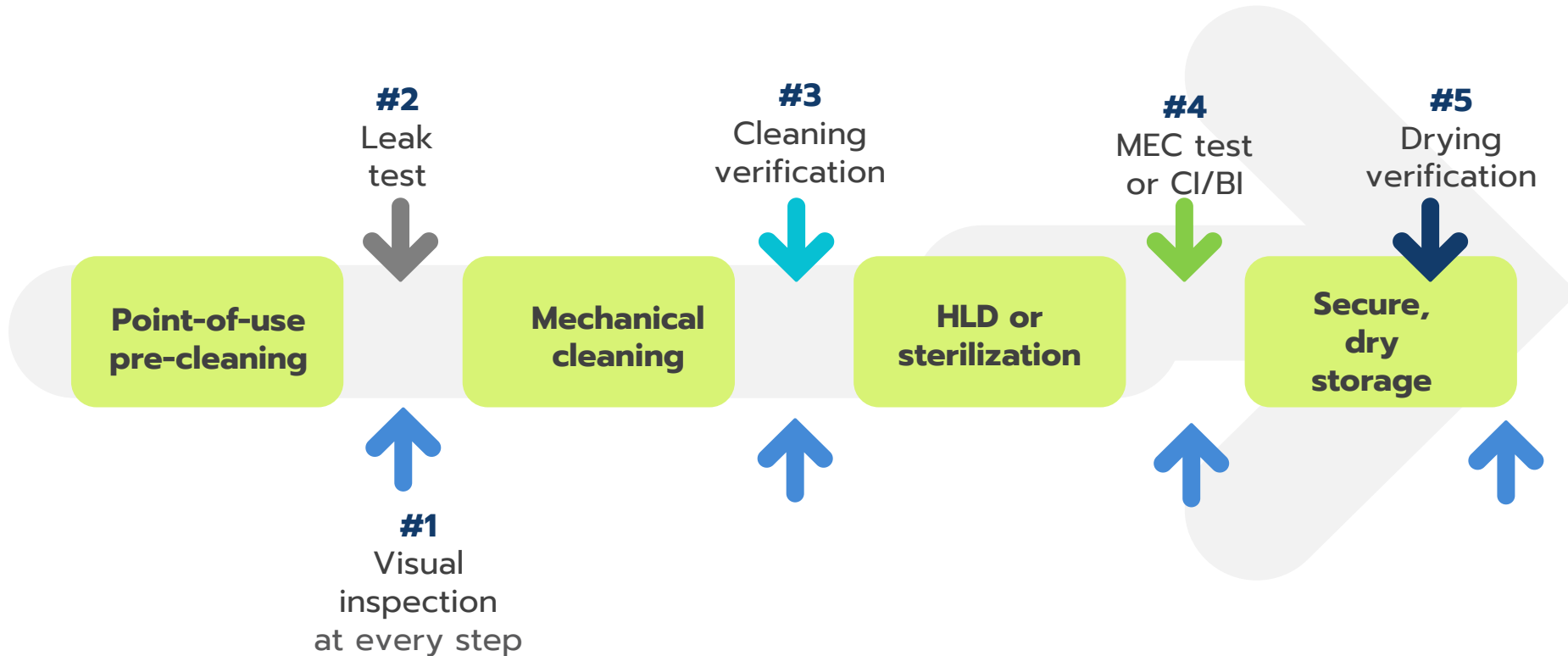


**Q: Does standard manual cleaning followed by high-level disinfection eradicate SARS-CoV-2 (bronchoscopes)?**

**Recommendation:**

- Based on available evidence, standard manual cleaning followed by HLD should be effective at eradicating SARS-CoV-2 ( Lipid virus)
- **No changes: ปฏิบัติตามแนวทางการปฏิบัติ+ระมัดระวัง+ไม่ลดขั้นตอน +** 

# Reprocessing an Endoscope Take > 100 Steps



# Approach to Improving Endoscope Safety

Long, messy procedures

Delayed reprocessing

No pre-cleaning

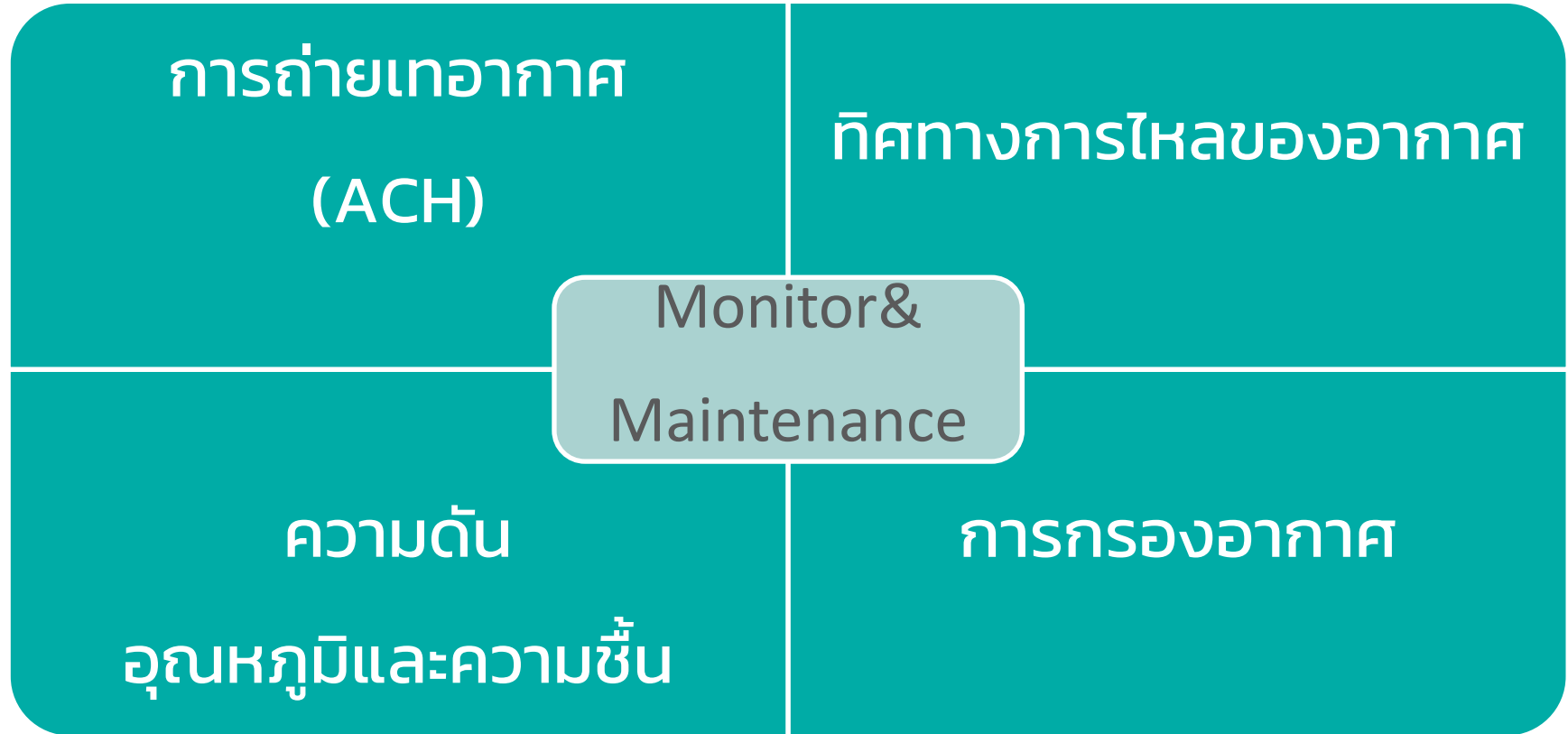
Damaged scopes

Inadequate  
cleaning

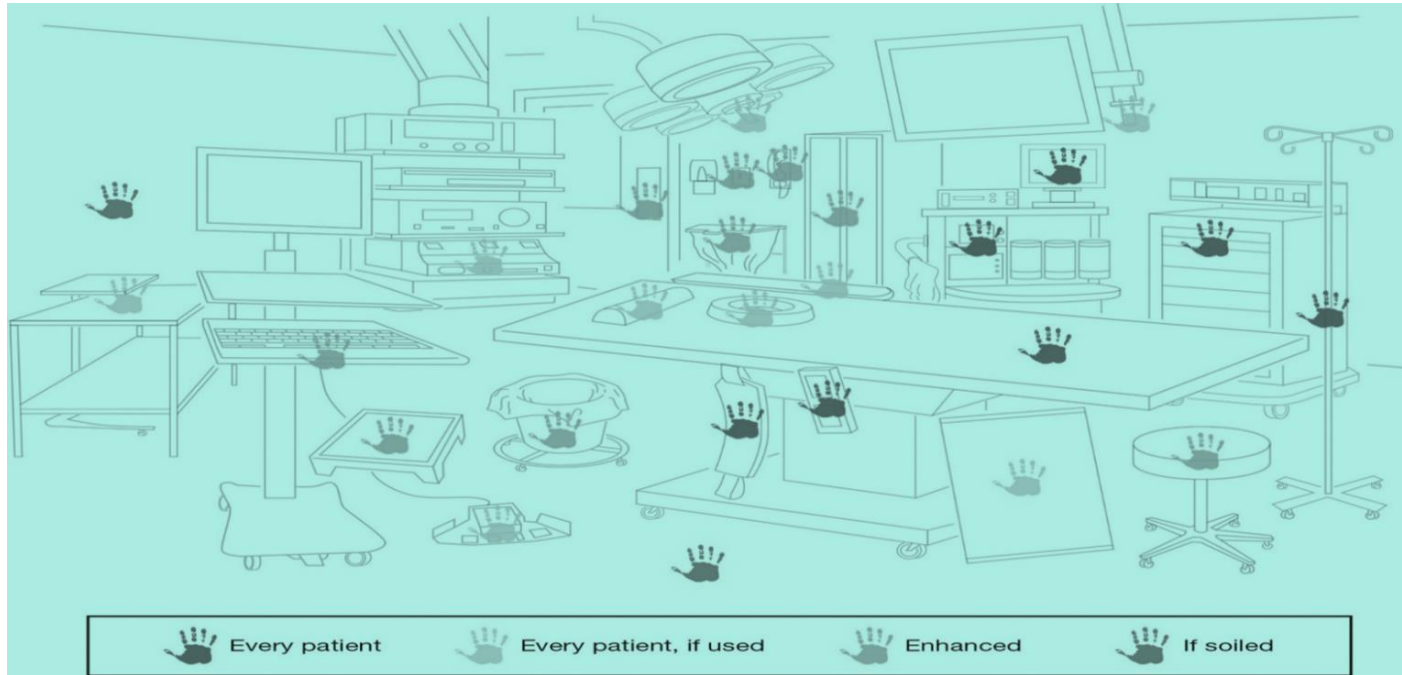


- **Analyzing the risk** of your process of work.
- Improving the safety of current reusable medical devices by **improving reprocessing (bridging the gap)**
- Evaluate current **training & competency**
- Create new reusable devices with **disposable high-risk components (duodenoscopes)**
- **Increase the reprocessing effort from HLD to sterilization** (high risk + manufactured validated IFU )
- **Automated endoscope reprocessing** –HLD should be provided in approved AER

# OR Environment -HVAC



# The OR Environment-High Touch Surface



**Multiple surfaces + Multiple patient contacts = Greater chance for pathogen transmission**

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# Survival of Common HAI Pathogens

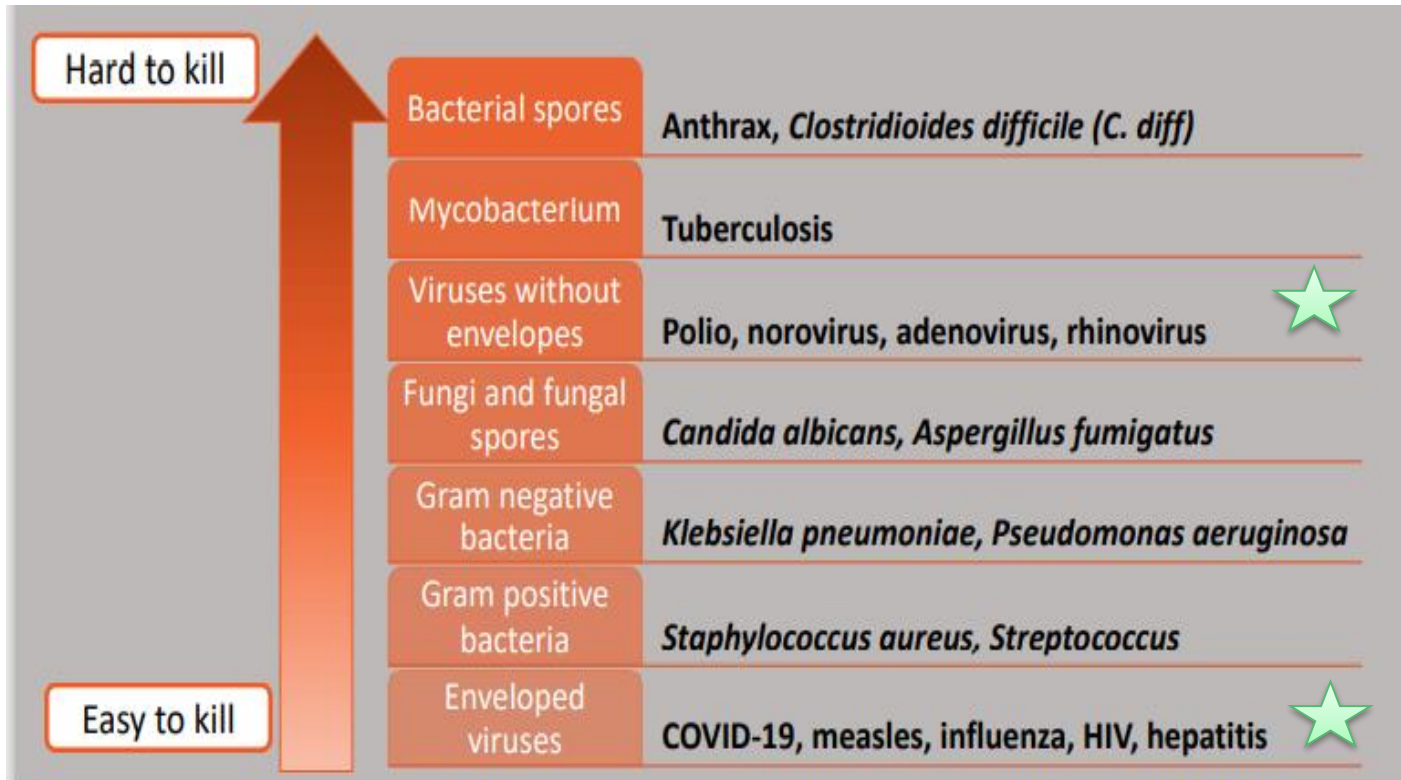
Microorganism	Environmental Persistence
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	7 days to 7 months
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	1.5 hours to 16 months
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	5 days to 4 months
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	6 hours to 16 months

Kramer et al, 2006.

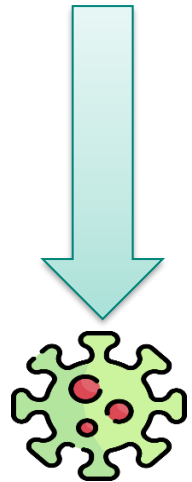
**SARS-CoV-2 can be viable on surfaces from hours (cardboard 24 h ) to day (plastic, stainless steel 2-3 days) , <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciaa1467>**



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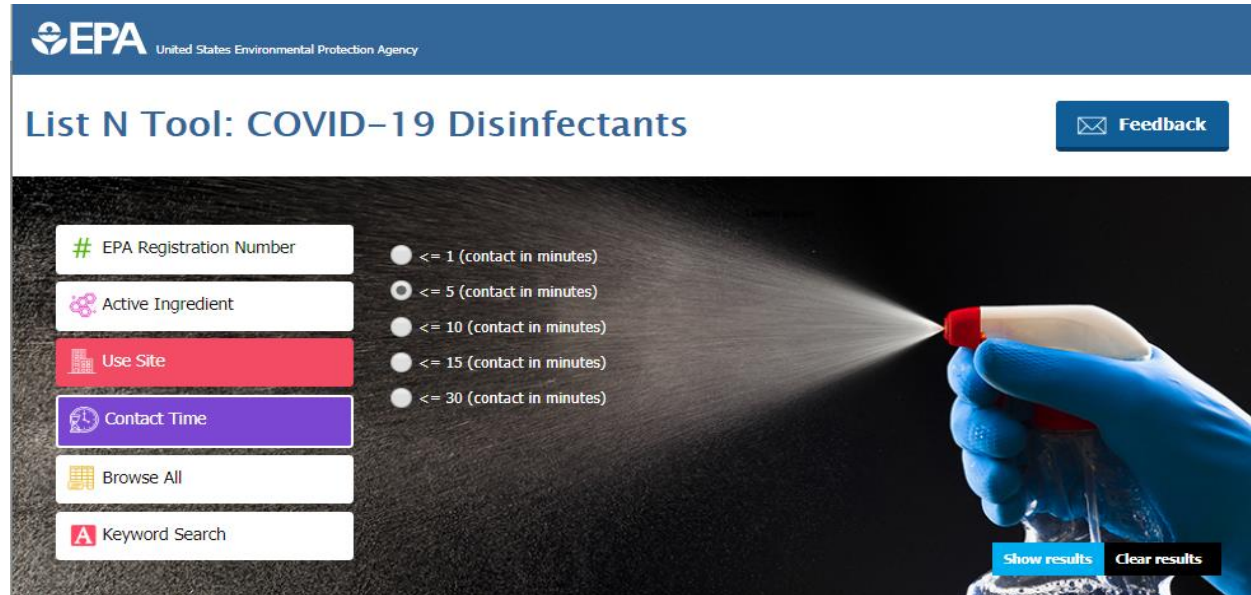
Cleaning+  
ILD or LLD



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# List N Tool : COVID-19 Disinfectant (USA)

- CDC recommended that an EPA –registered disinfectant on the EPA’s List N that qualified under the emerging pathogen program



EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

## List N Tool: COVID-19 Disinfectants

Feedback

# EPA Registration Number

Active Ingredient

Use Site

Contact Time

Browse All

Keyword Search

<= 1 (contact in minutes)

<= 5 (contact in minutes)

<= 10 (contact in minutes)

<= 15 (contact in minutes)

<= 30 (contact in minutes)

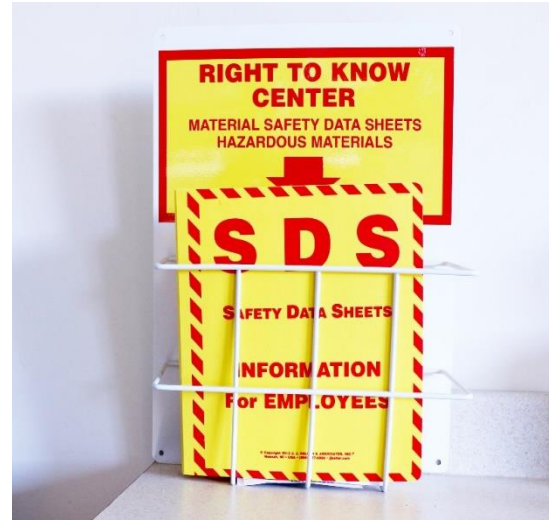
Show results Clear results

<https://cfpub.epa.gov/giwise/disinfecatnts/index.cfm>

# List N Tool : COVID-19 Disinfectant (USA)

32 Active ingredients ( Low and Intermediate level disinfectant)

- Ethyl alcohol
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Hypochlorite
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Peracetic acid
- Phenolic
- Quaternary ammonium



**People+ Product + Practices (eg. contact time)= Perfect**

# Future May Have Methods to Ensure Thoroughness Such as Colorized Disinfectant ,Kang et al. J Hosp Infect 2017



# Environmental Cleaning of Operating Room

## Enhanced Environmental Cleaning Procedures - Sample Checklist - Operating or Procedure Room

Facility Name:		
Other Information:		
<b>Cleaning Checklist—End of procedure (after the patient has left the area)</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
1. Perform hand hygiene		
2. Don a gown and gloves before entering the room		
3. Collect linen		
4. Remove large debris from the floor		
5. Remove trash and linen		
6. Clean and disinfect all items touched during patient care:		
• Anesthesia carts		
• Anesthesia equipment (IV poles and pumps)		
• Anesthesia machines		
• Patient monitors		
• OR beds		
• Reusable table straps		
• OR bed attachments		
• Positioning devices		
• Patient transfer devices		
• Overhead procedure lights		
• Tables and Mayo stands		
• Mobile and fixed equipment		
• Computer and accessories		
• Storage cabinets, supply carts, and furniture		
• Light switches		
• Door handles and push plates		
• Telephones and mobile communication devices		
• Chairs, stools, and step stools		
• Kick buckets		
• Privacy curtains		

- นโยบายและวิธีการปฏิบัติ
- การเลือกใช้ผลิตภัณฑ์ในการทำลายเชื้อ
- การฝึกอบรมผู้ที่มีหน้าที่ทำความสะอาด
- Monitor compliance & Feedback
- Enhance cleaning processes for special pathogens (**high touch surfaces/every case**)
- Minimize the supplies and equipment in the room
- **Sufficient air exchanges** need to occur before cleaning begins (COVID-19)

***No touch technology as supplement***

<http://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.13331>

# Key Takeaways



- **Standard and Universal precautions** are important all the time, not just during a pandemic
- Superbugs and scary viruses can be eliminated with **normal methods( inanimate items)**
- Stay in tune with update **evidenced-based** practices
- **Multidisciplinary approach** to develop **risk mitigation strategies** while navigating changing conditions and evolving recommendations
- Train your **immune system** to fight COVID-19, flu and other infections



# เสริมภูมิคุ้มกันให้ระบบการทำงาน



Change

Cleaning

Critical  
thinking

Communication

Consciousness

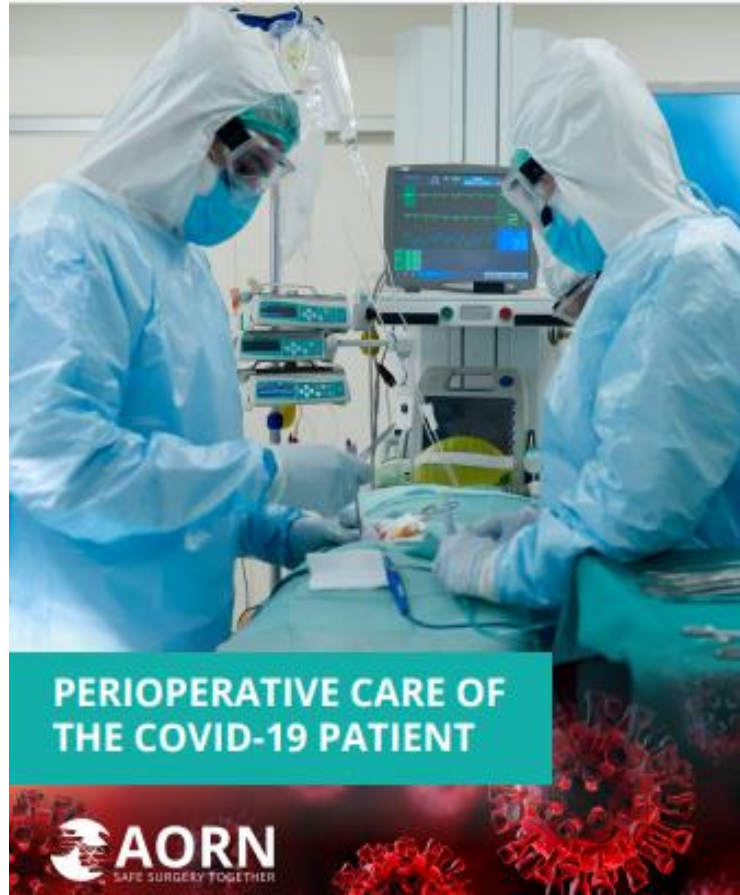
Compliance

Compassion

Collaboration

Consistency

# เอกสารอ้างอิงและแหล่งข้อมูล



**PERIOPERATIVE CARE OF  
THE COVID-19 PATIENT**



## Joint Statement: Roadmap for Maintaining Essential Surgery during COVID-19 Pandemic

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## Centre for Perioperative Care



## FAQs for patients having an operation during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic

# PREOPERATIVE COVID TESTING: EXAMPLES FROM AROUND THE U.S.

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# แนวทางการดูแลรักษา COVID-19 กรมการแพทย์

แนวทางปฏิบัติการผ่าตัดหรือทำหัตถการผู้ป่วย  
หลังการติดเชื้อไวรัสโคโรนา 2019



<https://covid19.dms.go.th/>

ฉบับปรับปรุง วันที่ 2 พฤศจิกายน พ.ศ. 2564 สำหรับแพทย์และบุคลากรสาธารณสุข  
แนวทางเวชปฏิบัติ การวินิจฉัย ดูแลรักษา และป้องกันการติดเชื้อในโรงพยาบาล  
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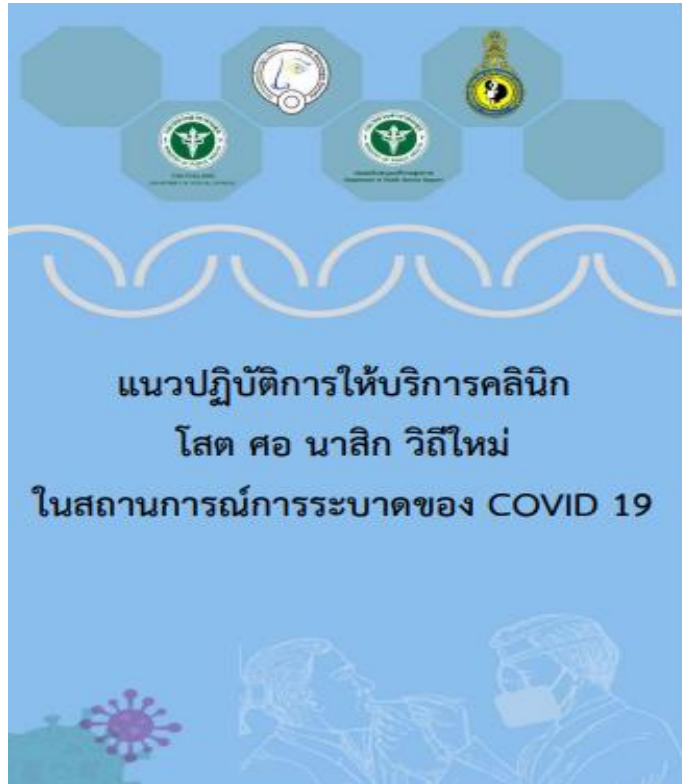


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# HVAC - Air Change Per Hour (ACH)

ACH	เวลา(นาที) ประสิทธิภาพในการกำจัดอากาศที่ปนเปื้อน 99%	เวลา (นาที) ประสิทธิภาพในการกำจัดอากาศที่ปนเปื้อน 99.9%
4	69	104
6	46	69
8	35	52
10	28	41
12	23	35
15	18	28
20	14	21
50	6	8

Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities (2003). Appendix B. Air. CDC  
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# Hierarchy of Controls to Prevent Surgical Smoke

