

COMMUNICATION OF SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Insure that students receive information about known and suspected health hazards and toxic substances which they may be exposed to during clinical experiences
 - Ionizing radiation
 - OSHA policies
 - CDC-Universal Precautions and Standard Precautions
 - Sharps injury and strategies for exposure prevention
 - Hazardous materials and waste disposal
 - MSDS
 - Management of exposure (treatment, risk assessment, prophylaxis for HIV)
 - Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, TB
 - Laser and electrosurgical plume
 - Latex allergy
 - Chemical hazards and safety considerations
 - Waste anesthetic gases
 - Methyl methacrylate
 - Formalin
 - Ethylene Oxide (EtO)
 - Glutaraldehyde

The School of Surgical Technology maintains full compliance with the current guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). During the interview process and the orientation period students are made aware of possible contact with suspected health hazards. Students are instructed during program courses and are continually evaluated on compliance. Students are also oriented to potentially hazardous materials that are in the classroom/clinical areas and are alerted to the location of the Material Safety Data Sheet Manual (MSDS).