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# Yale New Haven Health

*Department of Central Sterile Supply*

Process #ASS003 Inspection Currettes  
Standard Operating Procedure

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**Purpose:** To provide the procedures for inspecting currettes for cleanliness and functionality each time they are processed

## Definitions:

## Background:

- Head covering
- Mask
- Facial hair covering (if applicable)
- Clean surgical scrub attire

### Equipment/tools required

- Lighted magnification (preferred, but optional)
- Magnifying glass
- Syringe
- Plastic rod/dowel\*\*

## Procedures:

1. Inspect currettes for cleanliness and functionality each time they are processed
2. Check that instruments are clean
  - a. Check cup for retained bone and bioburdens
    - i. If found, send tray to decontamination for thorough cleaning – no cleaning is allowed in assembly area
3. Check cup under magnification for burrs, bent and broken edges
  - a. Send for repair if found
4. To test currettes for sharpness use plastic rod or syringe
  - a. Hold curette at an angle and scrape rod with edge of cup
  - b. Curette is sharp if it sticks onto rod or syringe
5. Notify supervisor if functionality is in question

