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| **Yale New Haven Health**  *Department of Central Sterile Supply*  Process #ASS003 Inspection Curettes  Standard Operating Procedure  Original:  Last Reviewed:  Approved by: |

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

**Definitions:**

**Background:**

PPE required:

* Head covering
* Clean surgical scrub attire

Equipment/tools required

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

\*\*Plastic rods can be ordered through IMS Products Division

**Procedures:**

1. Inspect curettes for cleanliness and functionality each time they are processed
2. Check that instruments are clean
   1. Check cup for retained bone and bioburdens
      1. 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
   1. Send for repair if found
4. To test curettes for sharpness use plastic rod
   1. Hold curette at an angle and scrape rod with edge of cup
   2. Curette is sharp if plastic ‘curl’ results
   3. Make sure that all plastic is removed from instrument after testing
5. Notify supervisor if functionality is in question