

Mucous Membranes

Female Perineal Prep

Alcohol-based antiseptic solutions can be used to prep the external genitalia. The internal genitalia and rectum should be prepped with an aqueous-based antiseptic solution.

Remove any antiseptic soaked material prior to draping or use of electrocautery.

Male Perineal Prep

Alcohol-based antiseptic solutions can be used to prep the penis and scrotum. If the meatus and/or rectum are to be prepped, then an aqueous-based antiseptic solution should be used. Remove any antiseptic soaked material prior to draping or use of electrocautery.

Perineal Prep

Apply the antiseptic solution from the incision site to the periphery. Proceeding from the incision site to the periphery will decrease the risk of microorganisms being brought from the periphery back to the proposed incision site.

Abdominal Perineal Prep

- In a procedure for which both the abdomen and the perineum must be prepped, each area requires its own prep.
- Two separate preps must be performed with two separate sets of supplies.
- The preps must be performed sequentially and not simultaneously.
- Each area must be considered as a separate unit and the clean-to-dirty principle applied to each area individually.
- The perineal and vaginal prep is performed first.
- After the perineal prep has been completed, the abdominal prep should be done using a separate prep set and sterile gloves.

**If the abdominal prep were performed first, the potential exists to contaminate the prep by inadvertent splashing or aerosolization of perineal prep solution when the perineum is prepped. **