



First, clean broken medical equipment

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We need your help to keep us all safe!

Remember the old game of guessing what's behind curtain #1? Well, it's not a game when what you can't see is harmful bacteria or chemicals. When Clinical Engineering team members receive medical equipment for repair, they have no idea what that device has been exposed to – whether blood, body fluids, hazardous drugs or other harmful substances.

A clean health care environment is important for infection prevention and control and is essential to patient and team member well-being.

Medical equipment must always be cleaned according to manufacturers' recommendations. See *Plexus/Policies and Guidelines/Manufacturer's Instructions for Use (IFUs)*.

REMEMBER: Broken medical equipment that has not been cleaned before arriving at Clinical Engineering often contains hazardous substances. This potentially exposes Clinical Engineering team members to unknown dangers.

Always properly clean broken medical equipment before calling Clinical Engineering!

Email concerns to Safety@PrismaHealth.org.