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A Surgical Smoke-free Environment Leads to Patient and Worker Safety



5 Minutes With:

**Mary E. Koch, MSN, RN,
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Sean Koscielniak, MSN, RN, CNOR
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Elimination of surgical smoke from the perioperative work environment is an important health and safety goal. Surgical smoke is produced when tissues are vaporized with the use of high energy equipment such as electrosurgical units, laser devices, and powered instruments. The surgical smoke plume can contain toxic compounds, viruses, viable cancer cells, dust, blood fragments, bacteria, and other elements.

The process of establishing a surgical smoke-free environment starts with a risk exposure assessment. Each health care organization should perform this assessment wherever there is a risk of surgical smoke exposure. Mary Koch, MSN, RN, PND-BC, CNOR, Director of Nursing Education at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in New Jersey shared her facility's assessment process: "We did a risk assessment in all of our procedural areas. This included, OR, L&D, and Interventional Radiology. We looked for the sites in which any surgical plume is created, whether by laser or electrocautery." The nursing

team worked closely with the surgery department, and Koch says the Chair of Surgery championed the cause with the surgeons. All custom packs that come with electrosurgery pencils now include an evacuation hose to make it easy for staff to use.

OSHA's hierarchy of controls ranks intervention strategies to mitigate risk of staff exposure. The AORN Guideline on Surgical Smoke Safety states that, once the assessment is complete, the facility should take steps to minimize exposure by implementing OSHA's hierarchy of controls: 1) hazard elimination; 2) engineering controls, ie, 20 total air exchanges/hour; 3) work practice controls, ie, smoke evacuator use; 4) administrative controls, ie, P&P, education, training; and 5) PPE use. Hazard elimination and engineering controls top the hierarchy; however, they are often outside the purview of perioperative personnel. Work practice controls and administrative controls are important strategies that the perioperative team can implement through policies, procedures, and training to reduce the risk of exposure.

Sean Koscielniak, MSN, RN, CNOR, is the Nurse Educator at Penrose Hospital-Centura Health in Colorado. Koscielniak states that the hospital system emphasizes surgical smoke evacuation in any case that utilizes electrocautery, lasers, and other energy-producing devices. His facility's work practice controls can be tailored to meet the needs

of individual surgeons, including the use of smoke pencils which have various tips and tubing to accommodate the procedure as well as traditional smoke evacuators that work with suction devices.

Perioperative team members should receive initial and ongoing education about surgical smoke safety and the equipment used for smoke evacuation in order to develop knowledge and skills that can improve patient and worker safety. Both nurse educators suggest establishing a partnership with all staff and surgeons to ensure compliance and vigilance. Koscielniak adds, "Be persistent and empower staff." Reminding staff that this is for "their safety and health" has been a significant motivator in the utilization of smoke evacuators. Koch agrees, adding, "Make it as easy as possible for your staff and make sure they know they have the support of administration to back them up."

To learn more about safe management of surgical smoke in the perioperative environment, watch Stop Smoking in the OR! Surgical Smoke Safety. Product ID 1991, part of the CineMed AORN Online Video Collection <https://cine-med.com/aornonline/>

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