

Surgical asepsis: Maintaining a sterile field



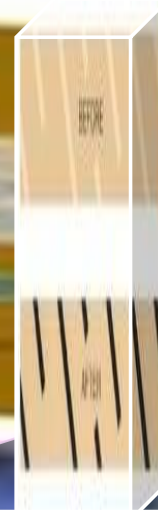
◊ Important objectives for a surgical team is to prevent infection and Surgical asepsis practices to maintain a sterile field .



◊ Set up the sterile field close to the time *to reduce the risk of contamination*
◊ Use only sterile items and instruments within the sterile field *to maintain the integrity of the field.*



◊ Check any item that has an expiration date. If a product has expired, its integrity is compromised, or you find it defective, remove it from patient use.



◊ Ensure that the sterilization tape or indicator has turned the appropriate color before placing equipment on the sterile table.



◊ Perform surgical hand asepsis before putting on sterile attire *to reduce the number of infectious organisms.*



Constantly monitor the sterile field. Notify other persons in the operative suite of any breaks in sterile technique, and take immediate corrective action