

## SURGICAL WOUND CLASSIFICATION

### *Classification*

- I **Clean Wound:** No apparent inflammation
- II **Clean Contaminated Wound:** Infection discovered, but contained
- III **Contaminated Wound:** Gross contamination or spillage from G.I. tract
- IV **Dirty or Infected Wound:** Acute inflammation with pus formation, break in aseptic technique

### **Breaks in Technique or Contaminating Factors** (Indicate letter on form below, if applicable)

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| A. Improper hair covering | E. Improper hand scrub     | H. Improper surgical site prep          |
| B. Hole in glove          | F. Skin rash, lesion, boil | I. Patient's body feces, unbathed, etc. |
| C. Heavy traffic pattern  | G. Wound exposure longer   | J. Contaminated field, hair, etc.       |
| D. Improper mask covering | than expected              |   |

Patient Code \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Classification:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I Clean Wound \_\_\_\_\_

II Clean Contaminated Wound \_\_\_\_\_

Surgeon Code \_\_\_\_\_

III Contaminated Wound \_\_\_\_\_

Anesthesia Staff Code \_\_\_\_\_

IV Dirty or Infected Wound \_\_\_\_\_

O.R. Technician Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contaminating Factor \_\_\_\_\_

Circulating Nurse Code \_\_\_\_\_

Culture in O.R.? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Operating/Procedure Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Postop Follow-Up:

Temp Elevation \_\_\_\_

Purulent Drain \_\_\_\_

Start: \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Cultures \_\_\_\_

Finish: \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Wound Infection \_\_\_\_