

CMS INCREASES INSPECTIONS OF AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS



"CMS has committed to inspecting one-third of all ASCs nationwide this year. All ASCs have a responsibility to correct deficient practices. Failing to correct serious deficiencies will mean the risk of termination from the Medicare program."*
-HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius

*<http://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/news/2010/06/hhs-issues-statement-on-recent-study-of-infection.aspx>

Dempsey Can Help Support Your Infection Control Program

42 CFR 416.51(b) requires that ASCs follow nationally recognized guidelines for Infection Control. Both the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) and The Joint Commission (TJC) recommend that surgical attire should be laundered in a health care-accredited laundry facility and specifically cite Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council's (HLAC) accreditation.** CFR §416.41(a) Contract Services Guidelines requires that contractor services must be included in the ASC's QAPI program.

Attire: Scrubs, Lab Coats and Barrier Gowns can be rented and laundered by Dempsey.

Accreditation: Surgical attire is laundered in Dempsey's health care-accredited laundry facility. Accreditation achieved through the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC).

Documentation: Dempsey's SmartScan® RFID system provides documentation that attire has not been home laundered. To support your QAPI program, Dempsey provides documentation to show an assessment of your linen service contractor.



**AORN "Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices," Recommended Practices for Surgical Attire, Recommendation V (2013 Edition) and Joint Commission "Safe Surgery Guide," page 74 (2010 Edition).

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