



Speciality Specific Policy Documents – Surgical Services

This is not a complete list of policies for this area but contains key policy documents. Information on searching entire libraries is available below.

WACHS-wide Policy Documents

Anaesthesia

- [Epidural / Spinal Analgesia Management Policy](#)
- [Malignant Hyperthermia – Australia and New Zealand \(MHANZ\)](#)
- [Regional Analgesia management \(Adult\) Procedure](#)

Clinical Practice Standards/Policies

- [Airway Suctioning – Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Blood Management Policy](#)
- [Central Venous Access Devices \(CVAD\) and Long Peripheral Venous Catheter \(PVC\) Management – Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Arterial Line Insertion/Transducing and Monitoring - Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Colonoscopy Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Decontamination of Diagnostic Ultrasound Transducers Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Pre and Post Procedural Management Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Venous Thromboembolism Prevention Policy](#)
- [Bladder Management - Catheter Clinical Practice Standard](#)

Perioperative

- [Consent to Treatment Policy](#)
- [Management of Elective Surgical Patients with a High Body Mass Index Procedure](#)
- [Maternity High Body Mass Index and Bariatric Surgery Risk Management Policy](#)
- [Perioperative - Attire Procedure](#)
- [Perioperative - Surgical Count Procedure](#)
- [Perioperative - Visitors to Perioperative Department Procedure](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration \(RRAD\) Policy](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration Procedure](#)
- [Surgical Safety Checklist Policy](#)
- [Tonsillectomy-Adenotonsillectomy \(Paediatric\) Policy](#)

Sterilisation Services

- [Decontamination of Diagnostic Ultrasound Transducers Clinical Practice Standard](#)
- [Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing Procedure](#)
- [Handling, Transport and Storage of Released Reprocessed Reusable Medical Devices Procedure](#)
- [Management of Medical Equipment Policy](#)
- [Nonconforming Reusable Medical Devices Procedure](#)
- [Packing, Wrapping and Sealing Reusable Medical Devices Procedure](#)
- [Reprocessing Reusable Medical Devices Policy](#)
- [Reusable Medical Devices on Loan and Instruments on Trial Procedure](#)
- [Quality Management and Validation for the Reprocessing of Reusable Medical Devices Procedure](#)

- [Thermal Disinfection of Reusable Medical Devices Procedure](#)

Regional Policy Documents

Midwest

- [FemoStop Compression Procedure – Post Anaesthetic Care Unit - Geraldton Hospital](#)
- [Preoperative Staphylococcus Aureus Screening for High Risk Surgery Procedure – Midwest](#)

Great Southern

- [Anaesthetic Services, Pre-Operative Assessment and Investigations Guideline – Albany Hospital](#)
- [Medical Governance for Post-Operative Patients Procedure – Great Southern](#)
- [Post Operative Nausea and Vomiting Guideline – Albany and Katanning Hospitals](#)

Forms and Charts

This is not a complete list of forms. Medical Record Forms are only available on HealthPoint, they cannot be accessed via SharePoint Online.

- [Direct Access Referral Form Templates](#)
- [MR20 WACHS Request for Admission / Inclusion on Waiting List](#)
- [MR90.1 WACHS Caesarean Section Operation Report](#)
- [MR170.2 WACHS Epidural/Spinal Prescription and Additional Observation Chart](#)
- [MR170.3 WACHS Epidural/Spinal Morphine Record](#)
- [MR170.7 WACHS Ophthalmic Surgery Medication Chart](#)

WA Health Mandatory Policies

Waitlist Management

- MP 0175/22 – [Consent to Treatment Policy](#)
- MP 0169/21 – [Elective Services Access and Management Policy](#)

Infection Prevention and Control

- [Environmental Cleaning Policy](#)
- [Health Care Worker Immunisation Policy](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control during Construction and Renovation Activities Policy](#)
- MP 0172/22 – [Personal Protective Equipment in Healthcare Facilities Policy](#)

Legislation

- [Health Services Act 2016](#) (WA)
- [Work Health and Safety Act 2020](#) (WA)

Support Tools and Other Resources

Waitlist Management

- [National Elective Surgery categorisation Guidelines \(April 2015\)](#)

- [WACHS Elective Surgery Waitlist Business Rules](#)
- WA Health [Consent to Treatment Procedure](#)
- WA Health [Excluded Procedures Manual](#)

Infection Prevention and Control

- [Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare \(2019\)](#)

Anaesthesia

- Malignant Hyperthermia Group of Australia and New Zealand (MHANZ) resource kit, task cards and poster (See WACHS [Malignant Hyperthermia – Endorsed for Use in Clinical Practice Policy](#))

Perioperative

- CAHS [Body mass index assessment](#) (only available via HealthPoint)
- PCH [Diabetes Mellitus Type 1 and 2 Surgical Protocol \(for children\)](#) (only available via HealthPoint)
- PCH [Preoperative Preparation Procedure \(for children\)](#) (only available via HealthPoint)

Sterilisation Services:

Infrastructure and Environment

- Work Instruction Templates:
 - [Water Quality Testing Instructions for Reprocessing Reusable Medical Devices](#)
 - [Water Quality Testing Requirements for cleaning and Final Rinsing of RMDs Table](#)
- Monitoring and Recordkeeping Templates:
 - [SSD Environmental Cleaning Schedule and Recordkeeping Template](#)
 - [WACHS SSD Water Quality Testing Record 2022 v1](#)
- External Resources:
 - [Understanding the Microbiological requirements of AS 5369:2023](#) (Sharon Kenny, WACHS)
 - [Response to Humidity control Events in Sterile Store and Perioperative Areas – Health Technical Advice. HTA-2019-001](#) (Victorian Health and Human Services Building Authority)

Quality Assurance

- Work Instruction Templates:
 - [Evaluation of Sterile Packaging](#)
 - [Qualification and Validation of Sterile Barrier System – Reusable Rigid Container](#)
 - [Validation of Preformed Sterile Barrier System – Heat Sealing](#)
 - [Validation of Steam Sterilisers](#)
 - [Validation of Washer-Disinfectors](#)
- Monitoring and Recordkeeping Templates:
 - [Washer Disinfector – Water Sampling – Atherton](#)
 - [Washer Disinfector – Water Sampling – Getinge](#)
 - [Washer Disinfector – Water Sampling - Steelco](#)
 - [Automated Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor – Water Sampling – Medivator](#)
 - [Automated Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor – Water Sampling – Soluscope](#)
 - [SSD Audit Schedule and Templates](#)
 - [Tristel Trio Wipes System Audit](#)
 - [Trophon®2 Audit](#)

Reprocessing Machinery and Equipment

- Work Instruction Templates:
 - [Automated Endoscope Reprocessor](#)
 - [Controlled Environment Storage Cabinet](#)
 - [Drying Cabinet](#)
 - [Heat Sealer](#)
 - [Low Temperature Steriliser](#)
 - [Steam Steriliser](#)
 - [Tristel Trio Wipes System](#)
 - [Trophon®2](#)
 - [Ultrasonic Cleaner](#)
 - [Washer-Disinfector](#)
 - [Work Instructions Template](#)
- Monitoring and Recordkeeping Templates:
 - [SSD Equipment and Quality Monitoring and Recordkeeping Template](#)
- External Resources:
 - [WALL Chart: Tristel Trio Wipes System – Endocavity Ultrasound Probe](#) (Tristel)
 - [Use Guide: Tristel Trio Wipes System](#) (Tristel)
 - [Wall Chart: Trophon®2 Guidelines and Standards – When to HLD](#) (Nanosonics))

Reusable Medical Devices and Consumables

- Work Instruction Templates:
 - [Record for Loan or Trial Reusable Medical Devices](#)
 - [Recall of Nonconforming Reusable Medical Devices](#)
 - [Guide to Product Family Categorisation for Surgical Assets](#)
- External Resources:
 - [Sterilizing Services and Endoscope Reprocessing Unit – B.0190](#) (Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance (AHIA))
 - [Reprocessing of Reusable Medical Devices](#) (SA Health)
 - [Reprocessing of Reusable Medical Devices](#) (NSW Health)

Standards

- [AS 5369:2023 Reprocessing of reusable medical devices and other devices in health and non-health related facilities](#) (access via i2i platform)

NSQHS Standards Advisories (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care):

- [NSQHS Standards Advisories](#):
 - [Advisory AS24/01: Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations](#)

Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA):

- [Infection Prevention and Control in Endoscopy 2025 Update](#)

Educational Resources

Internal Educational Resources (access via [MyLearning](#)):

- [Introduction to Reprocessing Reusable Medical Equipment \(RRME EL2\)](#)
- [Endoscope Reprocessing Modules \(ERM EL2\)](#)

- [Nanosonics Trophon Training \(NTT EL2\)](#)
- [Tristel Wipes System Training \(TWST EL2\)](#)

External Educational Resources

- [Lean 5S in MSICU: Sterile and non-sterile stock storage organisation video](#) (University Health Network (UHN) Toronto) (YouTube)

Searching for Policy Documents

[SharePoint Policy Library](#) provides the complete suite of policy and related documents with fully functional hyperlinks – **it should be used as the primary source** of policy documents. Depending on your connectivity there are two ways to search for policies.

Via SharePoint Policy Library		Via SharePoint Online	
SharePoint policy library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All policies, procedures and guidelines • All related documents and hyperlinks available • Search functions by keyword or by WACHS region 	Policies viewed on the Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available from mobile devices • Sensitive policy documents are unavailable.
Policy library A-Z	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies arranged alphabetically 	Internet Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search using google (or other search engine) Use: WACHS policy <search term>

Feedback and Suggestions

To provide specialty specific feedback, please contact: the Clinical Nurse Consultant – Surgical Services; WACHS.SurgicalServices@health.wa.gov.au

The WACHS Policy Unit welcomes your feedback and encourages subject matter experts, stakeholders, and staff to identify changes in regulations, best practice, and to identify areas of missing or insufficient policy scope.

[Feedback forms](#) are available on the [Policy Consultation](#) page. Alternatively, feedback can be provided via email directly to the WACHS Policy Unit. Policy improvement requests and suggestions can be provided at any time.