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Bundles for CSSD



- **Sterilization - the logarithmic organisms reduction → parametric indicators / it is based on how the microorganisms can grow**
- **Adverse conditions → they may not be able to grow**
- **The complexity and volume of what we know about it, goes beyond our individual ability to ensure correct and safe actions in daily activities¹**

1 Gawande A. The Checklist Manifesto. Penguin Books Ltd. London. 2010

- **Expert professionals → many routines according to: scientific rationality, how they learn by generation, the law, and their practical experiences**
- **We need more researches about those practices /to produce robust evidence to prove their efficiency³**



³ Thiede B, Kramer A. Evaluation of reprocessing medical devices in 14 German regional hospitals and at 27 medical practitioners' offices within the European context—consequences for European harmonization. *GMS hygiene and infection control*. 2013;8(2).

- **Surgical Infection prevention requires integration of a range of measures → device reprocessing and sterilization is one**
- **WHO's prevention SI guidelines → same gaps⁴ abo decontamination evidences**
- **Reprocessing routine is complex**
- **Administrators usually doesn't have enough knowledge about it**
- **But we have to show how it works!**



⁴ World Health Organization. Global guidelines for the prevention of surgical site infection. WHO; 2016.

- Check lists, equipment controls and other resources are widely used in CSSDs, as much the experts know, to not lead to post surgical complications
- It is almost impossible to relate SI to sterilization failure if a CSSD is well managed
- Bad surgical technique⁵ can be the main reason for SI!
- Infection control (IC) team knows it



⁵ Leaper DJ, Tanner J, Kieman M, Assadian O, Edmiston CE. Surgical site infection: poor compliance with guidelines and care bundles. International wound journal. 2015 Jun 1;12(3):357-62.

- **IC → variety of resources to increase health care workers' preventive measures compliance**
 - use different types of outcomes and processes indicators/ to demonstrate their effectiveness for quality assessment teams
 - Bundle is IC process indicator
- **Bundles⁶ are straightforward sets of evidence-based practices that / when performed collectively and reliably, have been proven to improve patient outcomes in infection control**



6 Resar R, Griffin FA, Haraden C, Nolan TW. *Using Care Bundles to Improve Health Care Quality*. IHI Innovation Series white paper. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Institute for Healthcare Improvement; 2012.



- **Bundles for CSSD could help prove processing measures compliance, avoid failures and provide safe device usage**
- **Other resources are not excluded!**
- **To evaluate bundles, processing steps could help to assure good practices and prove that bad outcomes could not be implicated to CSSD's practices (when CSSDs are properly managed)**

- **The objective of this study was to develop bundles for CSSD according to experts' opinion**



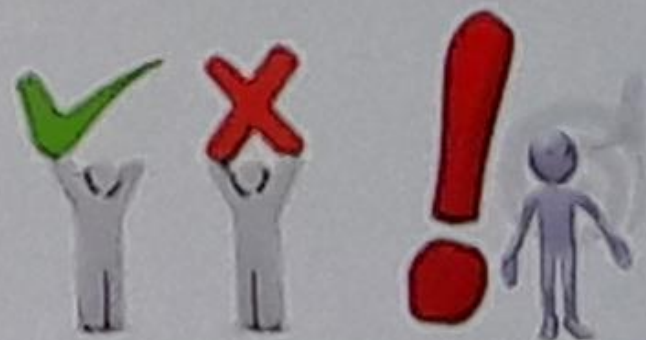
- **We did a development study using Delphi ⁷ modified technique to know experts opinions**
- **Participants: 8 recognized experts in sterilization field**
 - **convenience sample**
 - **at least four years working in CSSD field**
 - biologist, engineer, 6 nurses (professor, government, national nursing association)
 - To final evaluation, 3 more participants were included
- **Exclusion: working for a HCPs selling company**

7 Habibi A, Sarafrazi A, Izadyar S. Delphi technique theoretical framework in qualitative research. The International Journal of Engineering and Science. 2014;3(4):8-13.

- The project was submitted to UFRGS Research Committee
- Answering the questionnaire was sign of agreeing to participate and they could decline at any moment if they wanted to
- The study was developed in 3 phases



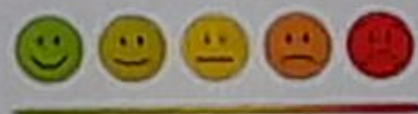
- **Phase 1** → On line panel: an open ended questionnaire was sent to participants
- Six main CSSD processes lists essential procedure steps in device processing
- Each element (bundle propose) was based on current scientific references when available
- They would analyze each step and answer if the element is indispensable for systematic evaluation
- Suggestions and justify



- **Phase 2** → A new document with all participants suggestions were sent to all participants
- Each suggestion was justified if it was or not accepted by others and coordinators
- Participants names were not included with suggestions



- **Phase 3** → The lists were modified including or excluding suggestions
- **Six bundles were sent to participants**
 - 5 Likert scale (total agreement, agreement, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, total disagreement)



- **To decide final inclusion of items in bundles agreements items must be from 80% of answers**
- **BUNDLES rules⁶**

⁶ Resar R, Griffin FA, Haraden C, Nolan TW. *Using Care Bundles to Improve Health Care Quality*. IHI Innovation Series white paper. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Institute for Healthcare Improvement; 2012.

- Each bundle can have until 5 items
- Each bundle element is relatively independent
- The bundle is used for a defined location
- A multidisciplinary team develops the bundle
- Bundle elements should be descriptive rather than prescriptive to allow for local customization and appropriate clinical judgment

Compliance will be measured using all-or-none measurement → proof of implementation



Phase 1- all participants returned opinions and suggestions.

Some justified answers saying: I don't see any influence on the work or not available to use

- ✓ Very specific masks/ aprons details, detergents characteristics, commercial indicators → Bundles may not be prescriptive
- ✓ 5 items were not modified because they are ruled by law
- ✓ To remove the steam for cleaning lumens → accepted. It was considered to include later. There is little availability in the country
- ✓ Thermal comfort operator → it was maintained because even if not robust, there is evidence of impact on the results of HCW research

Phase 2 - after receiving the document containing suggestions from all, no participant sent any new comments.

Phase 3- 389 answers were evaluated in 6 bundles

- There was experts agreements (agree or total agree) on 366 (94.1%) items in all phases

Table 1- Total bundles agreement, disagreement, nor agree neither disagree 2017

	Agree	Disagree	Nor/neither	TOTAL
TOTAL	366	12	11	389
	94.1%	3.1%	2.8%	

- **11 (2.8%) neither agree nor disagree.**
- Disagreements were 12 (3.1%)
- **Disagreements were the same initial opinion in phase 1**

All had from 90% agreements (agree or total agree)

- Sterilization bundle didn't have any disagreement

Table 2- Bundles agreement and disagreement, 2017

BUNDLES	Agree	%	Disagree	%	Nor/neither	%	TOTAL
Cleaning 1	62	93.9	3	4.5	1	1.5	66
Cleaning 2	65	98.5	0	-	1	1.5	66
Inspection	50	90.9	3	5.5	2	3.6	55
Prepare/pack	71	92.2	3	3.9	3	3.9	77
Sterilization	64	97.0	0	-	2	3.0	66
Storage/general	54	91.5	3	5.1	2	3.4	59

$p < 0.05 \chi^2 = 4.6949$

- The results were not significant

Final BUNDLE lists

➔ = One participant disagreement

1. **Cleaning pre-requisites bundle**

- ➔ 1. Pre-cleaning removing **visible dirt after use** evidence.
2. **Personal Protective Equipment** correct use for the activity
(Technical barrier)
3. Automated cleaning equipment **preventive intervention scheduled, recorded** systematically.
4. **Qualification equipment signed** by the CCSD **responsible** professional
- ➔ 5. Detergent **solution disposal** after each use evidence.
- ➔ 6. Cleaning and disinfection of surfaces carried out systematically **according to written protocol**.



2. Cleaning **process** bundle

1. Compatible cleaning **supplies** and devices
2. **Detergent intended** for HCPs with **date of opening** recorded.
3. **Purified water** used for rinsing products (recorded control/**drinking standards**).
4. **Cleaning/drying** cannulas specific equipment.
5. Complex HCPs **disassembly and manual cleaning** evidences.
6. **Cleaning verification tests** with defined **periodicity** by the institution.



3. Inspection bundle list

- ➔ 1. Professionals **visual acuity annual evaluation** and 6/6 months from the age of 40 years.
- ➔ 2. **Intensifier lens with lamp or microscope / stereoscope** for devices with difficult-to-see details, cleanliness and integrity inspection.
3. **Compressed air jet equipment** to detect residual dirt in lumens **on white absorbent** fabric or paper at the same time for completeness of drying.
4. **Articulated** instruments **lubrication with specific non-oily** product to improve the HCPs performance.
- ➔ 5. Evidence of protocol use to **clamps**, needle holders, scissors' **test functionality**.



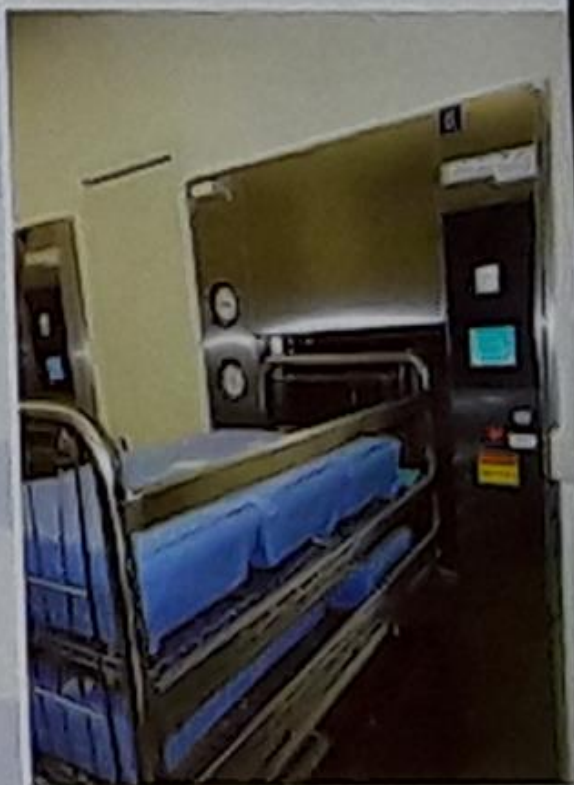
4. Preparation and packaging bundle list

- ➔ 1. Mask, cap and gloves used on the area.
2. Standardized Sterile Barrier System packing used according each device type.
3. HCP is suitably packed with **properly folds or sealed** in a sealer, or in specific sterilization containers.
- ➔ 4. Preventive scheduled intervention **sealers recorded**.
5. **Product name label** identification (batch number, sterilization date, deadline, sterilization method, preparation product person name) that enables **traceability**.
- ➔ 6. **Kit checklist** to use each time you prepare each one.
7. **Surface cleaning and disinfection** according to the **routine** established by the CSSD flow evidence.



5. Sterilization Bundle list

1. **Parametric indicators** (temperature, time, pressure) chemical (Bowie Dick at least) and biological and/or process specific **printed registration**, of each sterilization cycle phases checked and signed by the responsible professional .
2. Chemical indicators type 1 (test tape), integrity, humidity, packaging conditions checked, with records **before removing HCPs from the autoclave rack**.
3. **Thermal comfort area** for the operator.
4. Schedule and registry of corrective, preventive and **qualifying sterilization equipment**
5. Schedule and registry **cleaning equipment** as well as clean and preserved equipment.
6. **Standardizes load** prepared as in the performance rating evidence.



6. Storage and general aspects bundles

1. **Packs integrity checked** before storing and at the time of distribution.
2. **Clean and dry storage location** without stacking (containers can be stacked) and easy access and identification.
- ➔ 3. Clean and dry storage location **outside the CSSD** in care units.
- ➔ 4. Disposition of stored HCP so as **not to damage HCP pack**.
- ➔ 5. **Ergonomic furniture** and thermal comfort **throughout the CSSD**.
6. Evidence that people's **traffic is limited** and HCPs have **minimal manipulation**.





- **Six bundles were developed from the initial evaluation → there were included elements considered essential by the experts for safe use of products**

- **The bundles will be tested in a new study which will continue to show the qualifying evaluations process in CSSD and prove how quality processes are done in CSSDs facilities**
- **Bundles must be flexible. They can be modified for specific CSSD team's needs and according to country laws.**

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