

Remodel of Sterile Processing and Decontamination Department

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Two new washer/sterilizer machines were installed as part of this renovation project. This is a view of the clean side unloading area, looking through the door separating the clean side from the soiled side.

At Swedish First Hill, Washington's largest medical center, the Sterile Processing and Decontamination Department had grown incrementally over many years. It functioned poorly, and many pieces of equipment were due for replacement. This department renovation included the following:

- Reorganization of the clean and dirty sides of the department to improve work flow and efficiency.
- Improvements to the segregation of soiled and clean materials and instruments.
- Installation of two large Steris washer/sterilizers.
- Efficiency improvements to the instrument sorting room.

The Sterile Processing Department is in operation at all hours, 24/7/365, so there were logistical challenges in phasing this project for construction. It was completed ahead of time and within budget.



Improvements were made to the instrument sorting area, shown here, including greater square footage for sorting tables and instrument storage, and enhancements to the work flow.

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