

Sterilisation & Disinfection for General Practice.

Risk Assessment

✓ **Sterilisation**

➤ **High risk of infection to patient (Critical)**

Procedures (Examples)

Surgery
Catheterisation
Laparotomies
Arthroscopies
Biopsies
Cannulae
implants
Injections

Instruments

Any instrument or equipment capable of entering tissue where the tissue would be sterile under normal circumstances. Instruments which penetrate the skin, enter sterile cavities or the vascular system

✓ **Cleaned & Disinfected**

➤ **Medium risk of infection to patient (Semi-Critical)**

Procedures (Examples)

Respiratory
therapy
Colonoscopies
Gastroscopies
laryngoscopies

Instruments

Any instrument or equipment that comes into contact with non-sterile tissue other than intact skin. (e.g. mucus membranes)

✓ **Cleaned**

➤ **Low risk of infection to patient (Non-Critical)**

Procedures (Examples)

Physical Examinations

Instruments

Any instrument or equipment that comes into contact with intact skin only.
e.g. stethoscopes, linen.

