

PRIMATE INFORMATION

It is possible for primates to transmit zoonotic diseases to humans. Because of this potential risk, all materials, supplies and instruments used in treating primates must be placed in biohazardous bags. Gloves must be worn when in contact with patient laundry or items of clothing. Scrubs or other laundry must be placed in biohazard bags separately from surgery laundry and should not be placed in community laundry containers, including hampers and buckets. Instruments used with suspect patients should not be placed with laundry. Instruments should be appropriately cleaned and placed in biohazard bags separate from laundry. Biohazard bag(s) must be tied shut before leaving the treatment area and taken directly to Central Preparation. The person delivering the biohazard bag(s) must advise Central Preparation personnel that primate material is enclosed. There are no exceptions to this protocol.