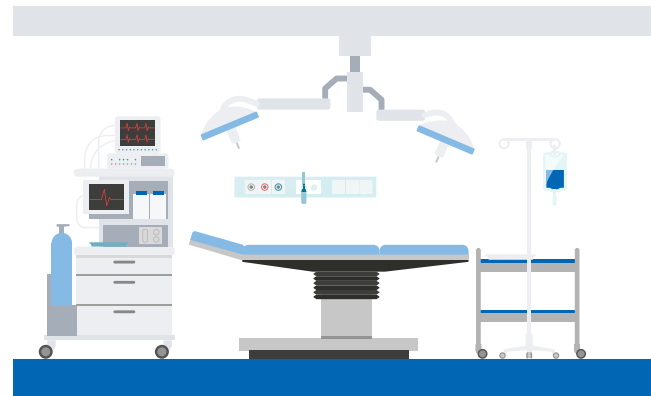




BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE

10 Ways To Help Reduce OR Turnover Times^{1,2}



Faster turnover times improve OR efficiency

1. Observe facility OR turnover process for better insight as to what might be causing an increase in turnover times.
2. Assign roles and responsibilities during turnovers to prevent repeated work efforts and easy delegation during breaks.
3. Use of turnover kits and/or turnover carts for easy access of supplies.
4. Consider switching to a disinfectant with a faster dry time.
5. Use of tracker boards and/or communication devices to inform staff of room status (e.g., procedure in progress, closing, dirty, ready for next patient, etc.).
6. Use of an available float person (RN/ST) during case set up.
7. Presort open/hold instruments and supplies. Label accordingly by staff pulling case load.
8. Open sterile supplies in designated area on back table to provide scrub technician space to setup case, eliminating excessive touch points.
9. Track progress and post weekly updates. Reward staff who meet goals set by leadership.
10. Include process and procedure as part of unit orientation for all new staff members.



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