

Basic Script for Reprocessing of Medical Devices

Dear WFHSS Colleagues,

each year at our annual WFHSS congress the importance of continuing professional development (CPD) has been stressed time and again. To be honest, we have found that somewhat frustrating because, after all, we all know just how important CPD is. The problem is that merely talking about CPD is no good: one has to do something about it. This, of course, calls for suitable learning materials, good course leaders, etc. You cannot simply put together a training curriculum out of thin air, especially when this task would have to be combined with one's normal workload.

We Austrians were lucky in that our ministry of health had made plans for a very comprehensive additional training programme for the management and staff in sterile supply departments. Hence the ministry organized and paid for compilation of appropriate documentation. That project failed for various political reasons but by then the documents had already been drawn up and, since the ministry now had no idea what to do with them, it donated them to the authors, who at around that time founded the Austrian Society for Sterile Supply (ÖGSV). Now we were, of course, in the fortunate position of having at our disposal the documentation needed to start our training courses.

Since presumably not all WFHSS societies will have had this luck, we thought that it would perhaps be a good idea, as a first step, to make our Basic Script available to all. Wim also thought that this was a good idea and therefore we had the documents translated into English. Before doing so, we tried to quickly eliminate all references to Austria or Europe, and now hope that we have managed to do that.

If you don't yet have a Script of your own, we hope that you will enjoy using this one, and you can use it in almost any way you want, e.g.:

- Use it just as it is, only then may you use the WFHSS and ÖGSV logo
- Adapt it to your national needs
- Abridge or expand it
- Translate it into your own language
- Ignore it
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We hope that you will enjoy using the Script and ask you to let us know if you find any mistakes or want to suggest any improvements. Proposals for improvement please mail to office@oegsv.com.

On the whole, we would be delighted if we could all work more closely together worldwide and share our experiences. Of course, no one is perfect but together we can make progress.

Kind regards

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