

Stainless Instruments Competency Verification Checklist



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Employee Name / Title _____

Territory/Region _____

Validator's Name _____

Skills Evaluation	Compliant w/Policy	Needs Assistance	Correction Plan
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NEEDLE HOLDERS

Checks jaws to insure meeting full length	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks working jaws and box-lock for cracks, alignment and excessive wear to ratchet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks for cracked, chipped or excessively worn inserts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect complete surface for metal fatigue, corrosion and pitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks to see if suture slips with ratchet engaged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tests ratchet by engaging on first click and softly tapping on a flat surface without disengaging.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SCISSORS *General and Serrated – Black Handles*

Checks tips to insure sufficient crossing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks blades for chips, burrs or possible cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks screw hinge for cracks, bio-burden in screw head, or staining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks ring handles for cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks that shanks are straight and meet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks scissor open and closing action for smoothness and correct tightness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks for excessive wear, metal fatigue, corrosion and pitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Using appropriate Theraband or similar material to test scissor sharpness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Insures scissors cuts without snagging or tearing material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

OSTEOTOMES

Checks for excessive wear, metal fatigue, corrosion and pitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks for straight even, smooth edge and 90 degree corners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Performer's initial's _____ Validator's Initial's _____ Today's Date _____

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RONGEURS			
Checks that jaws meet evenly;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks each jaw for burrs or gouges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check for cracks around screws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks springs for cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks to insure that screws are not backing out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks for excessive wear, metal fatigue, corrosion and pitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks that rongeur makes a clean cut through card stock (index card).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CURETTES			
Checks the cup for even edge and gouges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check for cracks, excessive wear, metal fatigue, corrosion and pitting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CLAMPS			
Checks jaws to insure meeting full length and no light between surfaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks working jaws and box-lock for cracks, alignment and excessive wear to ratchet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks for metal fatigue, corrosion and pitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tests ratchet by engaging on first click and softly tapping on a flat surface without disengaging.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FORCEPS			
Checks jaws to insure meeting full length without overlap	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks no light between surfaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks proximal end for cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks for missing teeth (where applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Checks for metal fatigue, corrosion and pitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Action Plan: _____

Performer's Signature _____

Today's Date _____

Validator's Signature _____

Expiration Date _____