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Risk Score: 5 – Medium Risk

Yankauer Suction Preparation  
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Yankauer Suction Tip Preparation Recommendation	
<b>S</b>	<p><b>Situation:</b>            The Infection Prevention Team recommends keeping the Yankauer Suction Tip in the packaging in the PACU until it is needed, not to open it in advance.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><b>Background:</b>            A Yankauer suction tip is used to suction debris out of the airway. These come in single patient use in a sterile package. Once the suction tips are opened, they are no longer sterile and can become easily contaminated.</p>
<b>A</b>	<p><b>Assessment:</b> During a recent visit, the surveyor noted that we had multiple Yankauer Suction Tips out of the sterile packaging and hanging over the suction canister in the PACU. Suction is rarely needed in the PACU setting, and there is no way to determine if the suction tips were used or contaminated.</p> <p>The staff could not confirm whether these were replaced between each patient. If the suction tips are used, there is no way to know if they were contaminated or how long they were opened.</p>
<b>R</b>	<p><b>Recommendation:</b>            The recommendation is to keep the Yankauer suction tip in the peel pack until ready for use in the PACU. If one is opened and unused, it is discarded after the patient is discharged.</p>

**\*The VUMC Infection Prevention Ambulatory Team created this SBAR to provide recommendations and instructions for best practices to meet CDC, APIC, TJC, and MIFU guidelines.**

RISK RATING KEY	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
	0 – ACCEPTABLE OK TO PROCEED	1 – ALARP (as low as reasonably practicable) TAKE MITIGATION EFFORTS	2 – GENERALLY UNACCEPTABLE SEEK SUPPORT	3 – INTOLERABLE PLACE EVENT ON HOLD
<b>SEVERITY</b>				
	ACCEPTABLE LITTLE TO NO EFFECT ON EVENT	TOLERABLE EFFECTS ARE FELT, BUT NOT CRITICAL TO OUTCOME	UNDESIRABLE SERIOUS IMPACT TO THE COURSE OF ACTION AND OUTCOME	INTOLERABLE COULD RESULT IN DISASTER
<b>LIKELIHOOD</b>				
IMPROBABLE RISK IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR	LOW - 1 -	MEDIUM - 4 -	MEDIUM - 6 -	HIGH - 10 -
POSSIBLE RISK WILL LIKELY OCCUR	LOW - 2 -	MEDIUM - 5 -	HIGH - 8 -	EXTREME - 11 -
PROBABLE RISK WILL OCCUR	MEDIUM - 3 -	HIGH - 7 -	HIGH - 9 -	EXTREME - 12 -