

## A STUDY ON THE EFFICIENCY OF CSSD AT A HEALTH CARE CENTRE

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### ABSTRACT

Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD) is one of the important supportive services in the hospital which ensures infection free atmosphere. It receives, stores, sterilizes and distributes, instruments and equipments to all departments within the hospital.<sup>(1)</sup>

The risk of transferring infection from instruments and equipment is dependent on the presence of micro-organisms, the number and virulence of these organisms, type of procedure that is going to be performed (invasive or non-invasive), body site where the instrument or equipment will be used (penetrating the mucosal or skin tissue or used on intact skin). Hence any instrument or equipment entering into a sterile part of the body must be sterilized.

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