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*Understanding, Adapting and Planning for the unknown! Ever Changing  
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# About Me

Damien Berg, BA, BS, CRCST, AAMIF

- Regional Manager for UCHHealth and Direct Manager for Medical Center of the Rockies and Poudre Valley Hospitals in Northern CO.
- 27 years of experience in OR and Sterile Processing
- Retired Master Sergeant “Combat Medic”
- Berg is an International speaker and Author processing leadership.
- President of IAHCSCMM 2018-19
- Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee representing several states in their efforts toward state certification programs.
- AAMI voting board member on ST79 (hospital steam sterilization) ST91 (flexible and semi-rigid endoscope processing) , ST58 (Chemical sterilization and high-level disinfection) and, CO-Chair of TIR 12 (Instructions for reprocessing) and past Co-Chair for both ST77 (rigid containers) and ST86 (quality systems) and a US sterile processing expert for ISO.
- First and Only Sterile Processing Professional to be awarded the 2020 AAMI Fellow





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# Objectives

1. Review the differences between a risk management, risk assessment and risk communication.
2. Discuss the development of a risk analysis.
3. Describe the benefits of assembling a team to conduct a Sterile Processing Risk Assessment.



Review the differences between a risk management, risk assessment and risk communication.

## Risk management:

The identification, evaluation, and prioritization of risks (defined in ISO 31000 as the effect of uncertainty on objectives).





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## Risk Assessment:

A systematic process of evaluating the potential risks that may be involved in a projected activity or undertaking.



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## Risk Communication:

The process of informing people about potential hazards to their person, property, or community.





## 2. Discuss the development of a risk analysis.

1. Identify the hazards
2. Decide who might be harmed and how
3. Evaluate the risks and decide on precaution
4. Record your findings and implement them
5. Review your assessment and update if necessary





# Identify the hazards

- Speak to your employees - they may be aware of hazards that aren't so obvious to you
- Observe the tasks carried out by your employees
- Read instructions for tools and equipment - they will inform you of hazards
- Check the information contained within safety data sheets for hazardous substances
- Consider other situations - such as problems with equipment, machinery, maintenance or cleaning.



Workers have particular requirements

New or expectant mothers

People with disabilities

Think about people who might not be in the workplace all the time, such as visitors, contractors and maintenance workers

Take members of the public into account if they could be hurt by your activities

Ask your workers if there is anyone you may have missed

**Decide who might be harmed and how**



# Record your findings and implement them

- Identify and rank potential risks and threats
- Identify how vulnerable the company is to the risks
- Estimate potential impact of risk



Annual reviews

Changes in legislation

Significant changes in the task

Improvements you have made

Problems arising from the task

Accidents or near misses



Review your assessment and update if necessary



Describe the benefits of assembling a team to conduct a Sterile Processing Risk Assessment.

- Let's Talk About Our Situation
- COVID and Sterile Processing
- COVID and Outside our Department
- PPE and Beyond



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Our Friends  
Our Community

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