

Infection Control in Reproductive Healthcare Mary Schimmel, RN, a-IPC, CPHQ Quality Manager, UNMMG



# **Objectives**

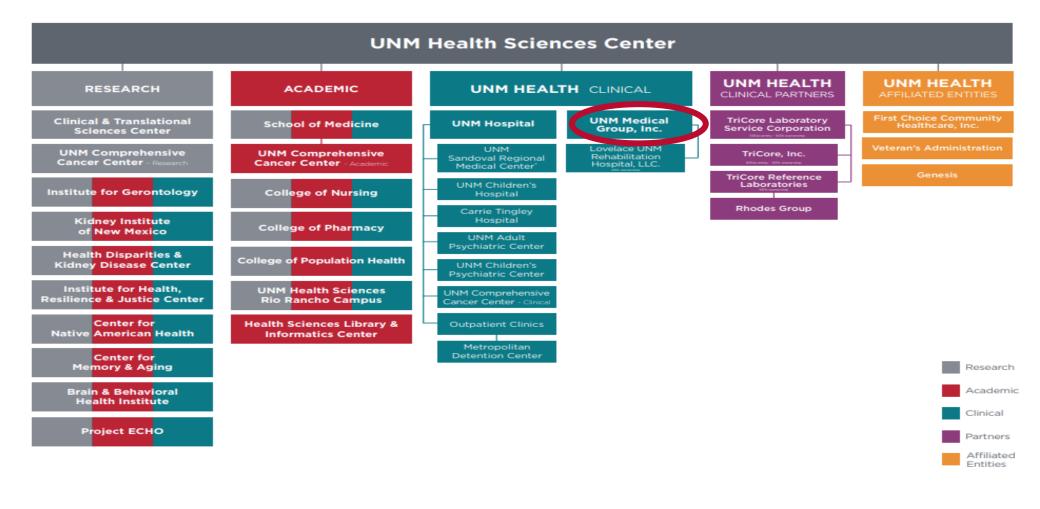
1.Educate participants to the unique challenges in an outpatient reproductive health clinic.

2.Participants will be able to recognize infection control challenges in a reproductive health clinic.

3. Participants will be able to recognize the challenges of instrument transport and sterilization in outpatient clinics



### What is the Medical Group?



\* A campus of UNM Hospital in Rio Rancho, NM Updated: 3.7.2024

### **UNMMG Clinics**



# What is Reproductive Health?

### More than you think....

Diagnostic

Birth Control

- Abortion
  - We won't debate the ethics of this. ALL patients deserve the safest possible care.



Effects of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization



### What Makes it Different?

Patient population

Variety of procedures

Multitude of instruments and equipment

### Infection Control Issues and Concerns

- Environmental Cleaning
- Ultrasound Probes
- Equipment
- Instruments
- Sterilization
- Scopes





# **Environmental Cleaning**



### ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYER



# **ATP Testing**





**GLO GERM!** 

### Ultrasound Probes - Endocavity

- Transport
- Wiped down??
- What about the cord?
- How are they being stored?



### Ultrasound Probes - External



- What are they being wiped with?
- Ultrasound gel single use?

# Equipment



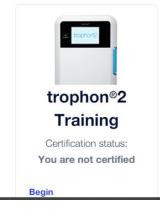


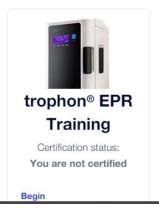
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# Instruments



### Sterilization





# Scopes





# What comes to mind when you think of Scopes??





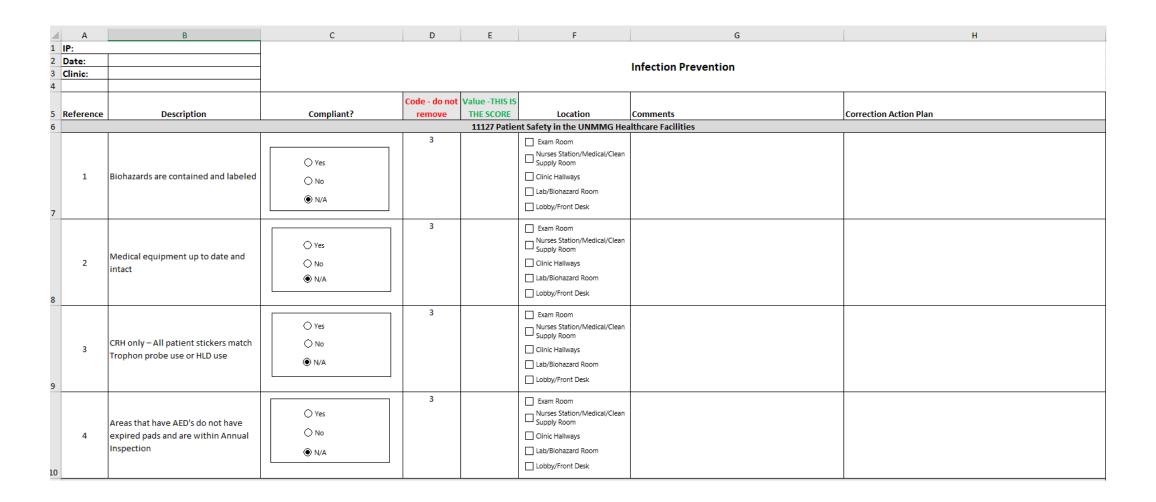
# In House Scope Reprocessing

- Chemical options
- Environment
- Challenges
- Proper Rinsing
- Training



# **IP Duties**

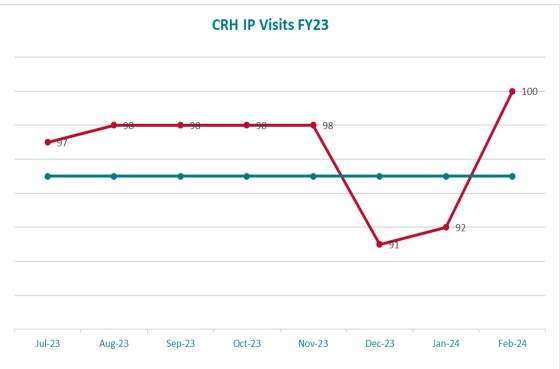
# Monitoring – Site Visits





# **Quality Improvement**





## Support Changes

- Research and Recommendations
- Equipment
- Partner with SPD for Process Improvement
- Partner with Procurement for product selection and standardization



### Training and Education

- Annual Computer based training AND in person training.
- Trophon
- Clinical Competencies
  - Annually for all staff and monthly for new hires
  - Covers everything we can think of.
    - Clinical
    - Non Clinical



### A Partner and a Resource





# **KEEP** CALM AND WASH YOUR HANDS

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