

## MASTHEAD INFORMATION

Policy Title:	Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines: Sharing and Processing of Equipment and Instruments
Applies to:	Users of the QEII Simulation Program
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## PURPOSE

This policy establishes the recommended Infection Prevention and Control guidelines for the sharing and processing of equipment and instruments with the QEII Simulation Program.

## POLICY STATEMENTS

1. QEII Simulation Program equipment and/or instruments may be used in other educational facilities.
2. QEII Simulation Program equipment and/or instruments must not be used in any Patient Area.

**Exception:** QEII Simulation Program Patient Simulators and Laryngoscopy Equipment are available for Insitu Simulation training.

- Only disposable patient laryngoscopy equipment is to be used on the patient simulators airway, unless it is non-disposable equipment supplied by the QEII Simulation Program.
- The QEII Simulation Program staff are responsible for processing this equipment pre and post session.
- Patient Area staff are responsible for the proper disposal, processing and testing of all other equipment and space used during an Insitu simulation, including bed and room terminal cleaning.

3. Patient Area equipment and/or instruments must not be used in any QEII Simulation Program facility.
4. QEII Simulation Program equipment and instruments are not to be processed in any NS Health Medical Device Reprocessing facilities. QEII Simulation Program equipment is processed internally within its own facilities.
5. NS Health equipment and instruments are not to be processed in any QEII Simulation Program facility.

## PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

- All QEII Simulation Program practices must demonstrate safety, equity and transparency. They must be applied consistently and uniformly across all Program locations.

## REFERENCES

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### Appendix A: Definitions

Defined term	Definition text
<b>Processed</b>	Standardized cleaning and disinfecting of equipment
<b>Patient Area</b>	Any area that hosts patients. i.e. operating rooms, patient units, emergency rooms, etc.