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**Protection of Patient Dignity in Day Surgery Centre and Operating Theatre**

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**Introduction**

To maintain the infection control standard, patient should wear the operation attire before entering into Operating Room. Under the existing practice, they are not allowed to wear any underwear and not offered with any kind of underneath dress. In view of feeling "nothing underneath the operation attire" they had always expressed a surprise and embarrassing. Intra-operatively, during skin disinfection, both the theatre staff and the patient had felt very embarrassed when taking off the patient's trousers for preparation of the operation site below pelvic region. More importantly, we could not protect the dignity of the patient if such practice still continues. In view of such embarrassing situation, we proposed the protective method of disposable underwear for the lower limb operation patient in 2014. The outcome was good for both patient and staff. Therefore, we extend the practice to all specialties, such as Pain, ENT, Dental, Eye, Surgery and Orthopedics which was started in October 2017.

**Objectives**

-to reduce level of embarrassment between the patient and theatre staff -to protect the dignity of all patient

**Methodology**

- DSC provided disposable underwear to patient who had operation in DSC  
-Purchased large quantity of disposable underwear by DSC - Notified our DSC staff and theatre staff that DSC patient would wear disposable underwear

**Result**

-100% patients satisfied the program -95% staff agreed the program -Providing protective method of disposable underwear to the patient who undergoes operation during the perioperative period is a low cost but good value practice

Method -Conduct a random descriptive survey -Collect the opinion of patients who wore the disposable underwear through questionnaire in 12/2017 -Collect the opinion of the nursing staff and supporting staff from Operating Theatre and Day Surgery Centre through questionnaire in 12/2017