SUTURE REMOVAL AND SKIN CLIP REMOVAL

PURPOSE:
To provide proper technique with suture removal or skin clip removal.

POLICY AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:
This is a clean procedure to remove suture skinclips or staples.

PERSONNEL:  Trained nursing staff and nurse managers.

PROCEDURE:

A. Suture removal equipment
   1. scissors, forceps
   2. (or) disposable suture removal kit
   3. sterile 4x4s
   4. tincture of benzoin swabs
   5. steri-strips

B. Procedure
   1. Pull suture up with forceps and clip the stitch under the knot and remove from patient
   2. Apply tincture of benzoin to skin along incision-do not apply directly to incision. Place steri-strips across incision.

C. Skin clip removal equipment
   1. Skin clip remover
   2. Sterile 4x4s
   3. Steri-strips
   4. Tincture of benzoin

D. Procedure
   1. Place skin clip remover under the skin clip and remove from patient.
   2. Apply tincture of benzoin to skin.
   3. Place steri-strips across incision