



INFECTION CONTROL & PREVENTION

FACTS AND FIGURES

- LSDC is licensed by the State of Florida and accredited by the ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATION for AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE, INC. (AAAHC) providing stringent infection control practices, meeting or exceeding national standards for preventing infections.
- In 2011, the LSDC treated over 20,000 patients. It is one of the largest and busiest multi-specialty ambulatory surgery centers in Florida and in the Nation.
- Of those 20,000+ patients, none acquired an infection while at the LSDC. This number resulted in an infection rate of **0 percent**, almost unheard of in healthcare facilities.
- The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (ASCA) reports that out of 603 member surgery centers that are multi-specialty, like the LSDC, the average is 1.27 infections per 1,000 patients, equal to an infection rate of 0.1 percent.
- LSDC employs highly trained Infection Prevention Officers at all its facilities. These officers have successfully completed APIC and AORN seminars to validate and remain current in their knowledge and training. Our main facility Infection Prevention Officer is certified in infection control. Most facilities do not have staff members with this high level of expertise.
- The entire Infection Control program at our facilities are guided by the standards of nationally recognized healthcare associations such as the CDC, AORN, APIC, and AAMI.
- LSDC strictly adheres to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for infection control.
- Our Gastrointestinal (GI) Department is a member of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) Unit Recognition Program, which adheres to the ASGE Reprocessing Guidelines and CDC guidelines for Isolation Precautions.

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WHY LSDC EXCELS

- LSDC has established a comprehensive Infection Prevention Committee to study Infection Control issues and creates ways to continually enhance its Infection Control/Prevention Program.
- Periodic surveys are conducted throughout our facilities to identify and isolate any risks. This includes hand-hygiene as well as environmental Infection Control practices.
- Each and every LSDC physician and employee is required to have annual training on the latest Infection Control policies and procedures. They are tested and monitored to ensure compliance.
- Employees and physicians are required to wash their hands between patients and procedures and to adhere to the highest standards of Infection Control practices.
- LSDC is registered in the World Health Organization “SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands” initiative, and participates actively in the program.
- All LSDC staff and physicians are required to change their scrub clothing upon entering and exiting our facilities. Our linens and scrub clothing are professionally cleaned by a certified medical laundry company. This is not done in most healthcare facilities.
- LSDC uses the required manufacturer protocols for the sterilization of the Operating Room (OR) equipment and for the high level disinfection of the endoscopes in the GI department.
- All sterilization processors are certified in the most current sterilization techniques.
- Our facility does not reprocess Single Use devices, and only uses state-of-the-art-equipment.
- LSDC uses only the highest level EPA approved disinfectant products on the market.
- Stringent requirements are placed on our housekeeping company, their process, as well as the products they use while in our facilities. All surfaces are decontaminated with high level disinfectants. Periodic inspections ensure adherence to our high standards.
- Our entire surgical suite is cleaned with solutions of the highest effectiveness. The operating rooms are cleaned between each procedure and each patient, as is each area where a patient is admitted or recovered.
- LSDC conducts extensive documented procedures for changing air conditioning (AC) filters to maintain the highest “bacteria free” air quality.
- LSDC provides professional cleaning maintenance schedule of all AC and heating ductwork on a regular scheduled basis.
- Frequent infection control inspections are conducted throughout all areas of the facilities to ensure the highest level of infection control is maintained.

