### Sterile Draping

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| **A. Demonstrates drape preparation** | 1. Allows for easier transfer to surgeon.  
2. Reduces fanning of linen. |
1. Ensure appropriate towels drapes are available and open.  
2. Stack in order of use from the top down. |
| **B. Demonstrates handing drapes** | 1. Steps to prevent contamination of drapes and scrubbed personnel. |
1. Hand sterile towels to surgeon for placement.  
2. Present drape to surgeon with proper orientation (head, foot, etc.).  
3. Do not pass towels or drapes over undraped patient.  
4. Watches gown in relation to non-sterile items and persons in room to prevent self-contamination. |
| **C. Demonstrates ability to drape patient without contamination.** | 1. Any contamination offers three responses: ignore, discard and replace or cover. Ignoring is only allowed in the most extreme emergencies. |
1. Remain a safe distance from OR table to prevent self-contamination.  
2. Observes for items above the OR table that can cause contamination.  
3. Towel should be cuffed over gloved hands before placement.  
4. Holds drapes folded until directly over the area to be draped.  
5. Small drapes may be opened before placing, large drapes should be placed in position and unfolded.  
6. Drapes should be placed precisely where they are intended to go, and not be moved after being placed on the patient.  
7. Contaminated drapes should be removed by the circulator and discarded.  
8. Drapes should be cuffed over gloved hands before moving to head and foot areas of patient.  
9. Hands are not allowed below waist level at any time.  
10. Any part of a drape the falls below waist level is not touched again. |