Applicable to: Main OR Neuro Pod  
Team Members Performing: Perioperative OR Personnel

I. **Purpose:**

To establish a guideline for providing sterile continuum of care during time period between sterile field set up and prepping of the patient.

II. **Procedure:**

A. If a lengthy time period is anticipated between sterile field set up and prepping (due to positioning, Anesthesia care, delays, etc.) then the scrub may sit on a stool away from the sterile field. All tasks listed need to be completed prior to sitting: complete set up, medications, counts, implant verification, and also communication with circulator regarding plans to sit.

B. When choosing to do this the scrub needs to have pulled an extra set of gloves and gown for the circulator to open on a separate surface. Before returning to the sterile field the scrub will change their gown and gloves.

C. The sterile field will be monitored constantly by the scrub.

D. Prior to the surgeon scrubbing in, the circulator will assist the scrub in removing the contaminated gown and gloves. This allows the scrub to re-gown and re-glove without re-scrubbing. The change out of gown and gloves will not delay progression of case.