Introduction: The following outlines the standard operating procedures of the NCSU Veterinary Health Complex Small Animal Surgery Service:

Procedures:

A. Scheduling (please read the Anesthesia SOP for more details)
   1. All requests see Anesthesia SOP.
   2. Emergency surgical cases - inform Anesthesia and OR staff.
   3. A pre-anesthesia check list must be submitted before your patient will be processed.

B. Attire (please read the Dress Code for Small Animal Hospital for more details)

C. In Prep Room
   1. The VHC Apps page will indicate the status of the patient in the anesthesia/surgical process.
   2. Clip and vacuum the surgical site. Obtain a prep canister, either Hibiclens (not for cats) or Betadine scrub, and a kidney bowl from the prep cart. Place warm tap water sponges in the prep bowl and proceed with dirty prep. When finished, rinse and place the bowl on top of the prep cart.
   3. Transport patient to the assigned O.R. and transfer to the table. The gurney will be placed in the sterile corridor during the surgical procedure.
   4. No blankets, towels or other items producing lint are permitted in the Prep Room or Operating Suites.
   5. Antibiotic Resistant patients are induced and prepped in the designated “special procedures” area behind the main prep room. All procedures on these patients are to be performed in the designated area or Terry Center OR 7.
   6. All procedures on exotics, birds or hoofed animals should be performed in Terry Center OR 7. Hoofed animals are handled in Food Animal Surgery with rare exception (neonates with a small animal consult).

D. Other
   1. Surgery staff will break down the OR and take all instruments to sterile supply. All closed cultures and specimens should be placed on the cart at the technician station. All bagged tissue samples will be taken directly to the cooler. All surgical trash is to be bagged and transported to appropriate biohazard bins for incineration. Gowns, towels and drapes should be bagged prior to exiting the OR.
   2. Supplies for non-surgical patients must be obtained from Central Supply.
   3. All sterile instruments and packs will be removed from surgery and taken to sterile supply for cleaning and sterilization.