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Microscope Cleaning Policy

Purpose

Microscopes should be cleaned, periodically according to use, to ensure that they are in good working order.

Procedure

1. Clean microscope as needed. Each microscope has a maintenance log. The logsheet should record at least monthly microscope maintenance.
2. If microscopes are heavily used, they should be cleaned daily.
3. Blow off any visible loose dirt using a pipette or compressed air cans.
4. Using lens paper, wipe the eyepiece lens, objective lens, and the condenser. If immersion oil is not used with the scope, this should be adequate.
5. If oil is used or microscope needs a cleaning solvent for other reasons, put a few drops of lens cleaner on the lens paper and wipe lens. Keep liquid from running into lens. Do not remove lens.
6. Wipe stage with lens paper. Use a small amount of lens cleaner if necessary.
7. Contact Clinical Engineering at 4-8420 for additional cleaning or other microscope problems.
8. Microscope should be serviced by Clinical Engineering at least once a year.
9. All forms are filed and kept for two years.