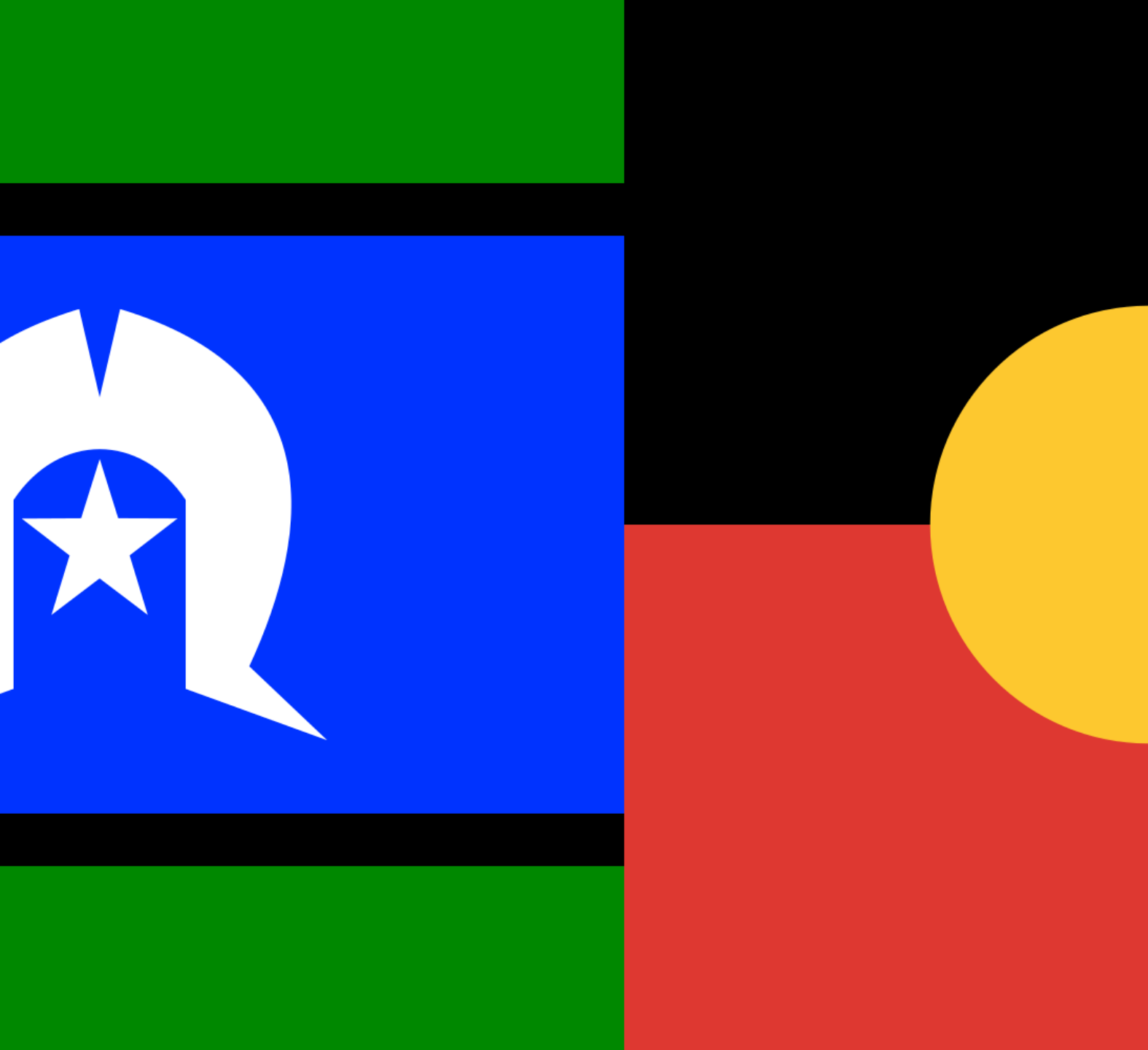


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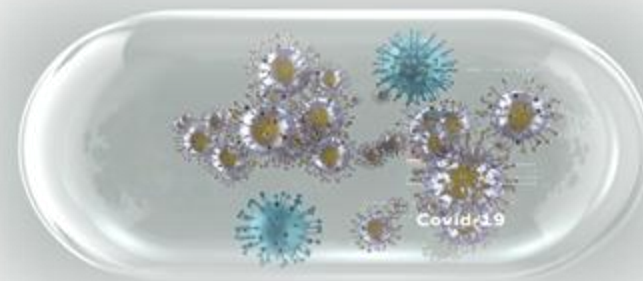


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CONTENT

**System
Processes**

Environment

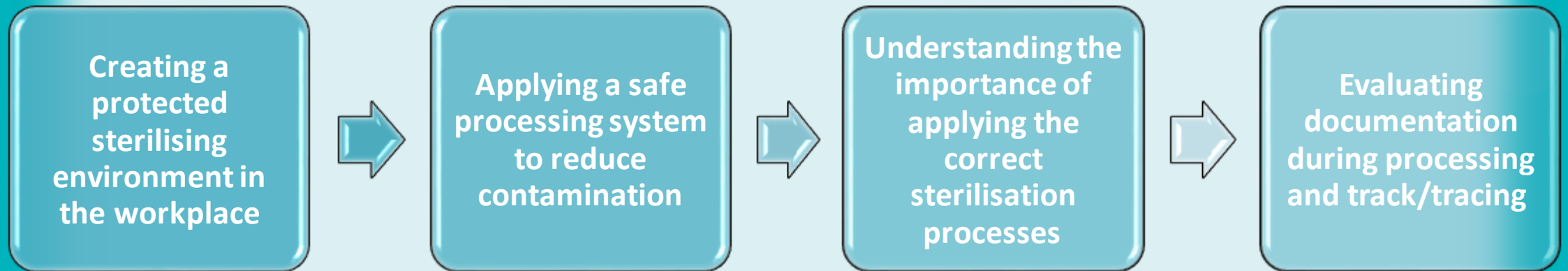
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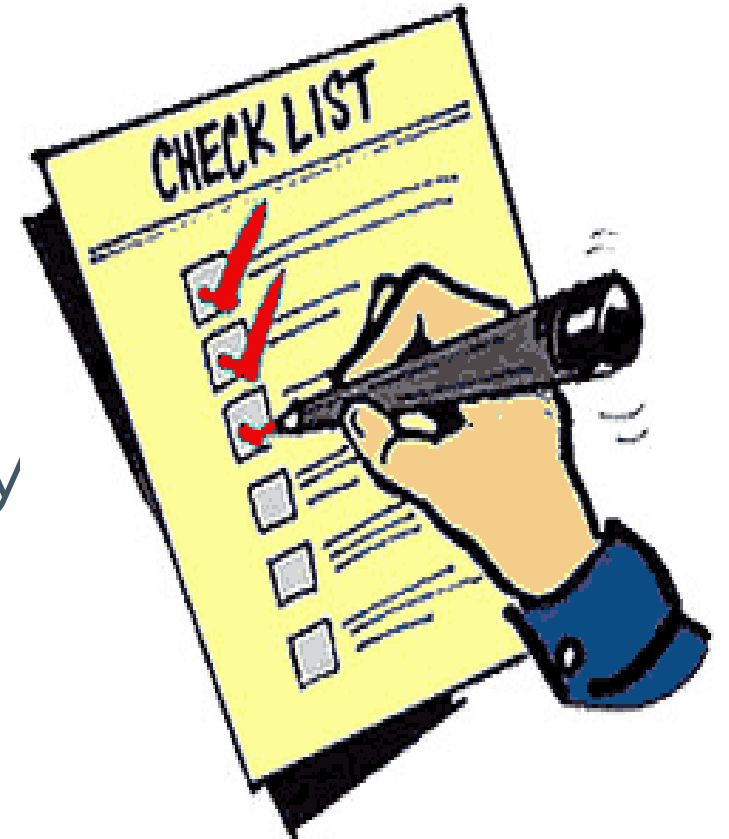
Learning Outcomes



PRINCIPLE 1:

SYSTEM PROCESSES

- ▶ PPE
- ▶ Workspace and equipment
- ▶ Education and staff training
- ▶ Responsibility and accountability
- ▶ Policies and procedures
- ▶ Risk assessments



PRINCIPLE 2:

ENVIRONMENT

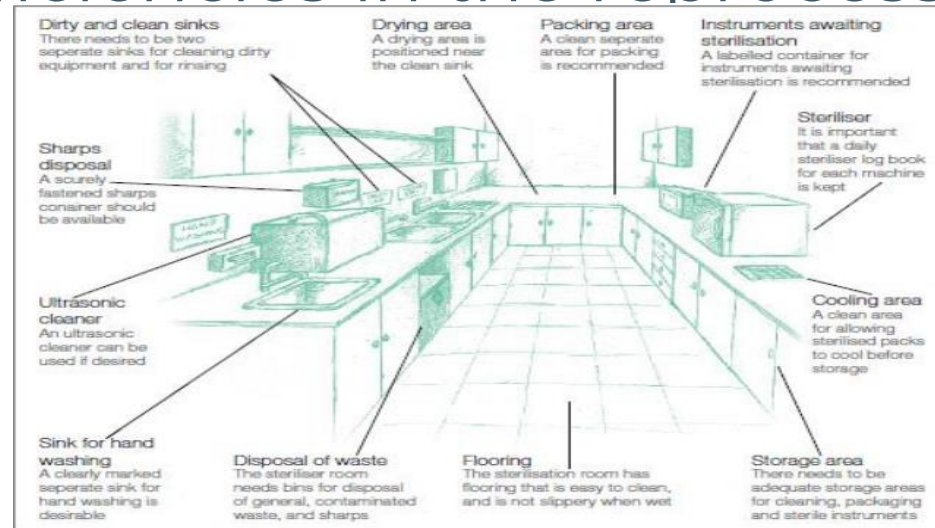
- ▶ Decontamination area – Instrument cleaning
- ▶ How many sinks do you have? Do you need to purchase containers to complete a safe process?
- ▶ Is your clean area away from the risk of re-contamination?



PRINCIPLE 3:

WORKFLOW

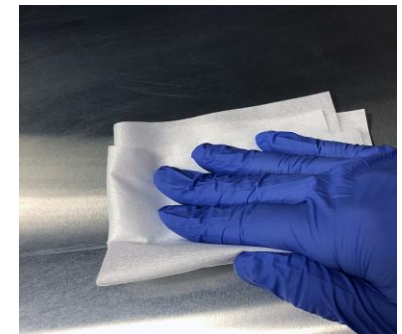
- ▶ Reprocessing should follow one direction (e.g. left to right)
- ▶ Functionality of workspace
- ▶ Identify any inefficiencies in the reprocessing steps



PRINCIPLE 4:

PROCESS

- ▶ Start of the shift checks
- ▶ Allocated & protected times
- ▶ Processing
- ▶ Loading the steriliser
- ▶ Unloading the steriliser
- ▶ End of the day checks



PRINCIPLE 5: DOCUMENTATION & RECORD KEEPING

▶ Labelling Packs



▶ Tracking (tracing) logbooks

Staff member details		Area of training								Assessment
Name	Job role	Cleaning	Packaging	Loading the steriliser	Monitoring the sterilisation cycle	Unloading the steriliser	Storage	Recording	Validation	Assessed / approved by

▶ Validation



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