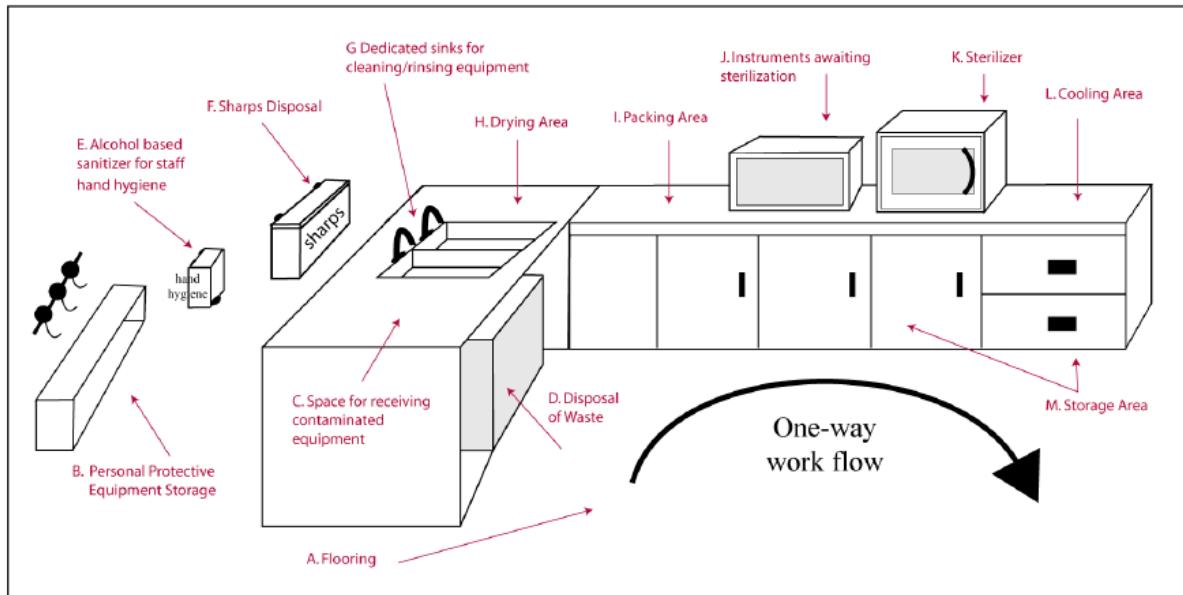
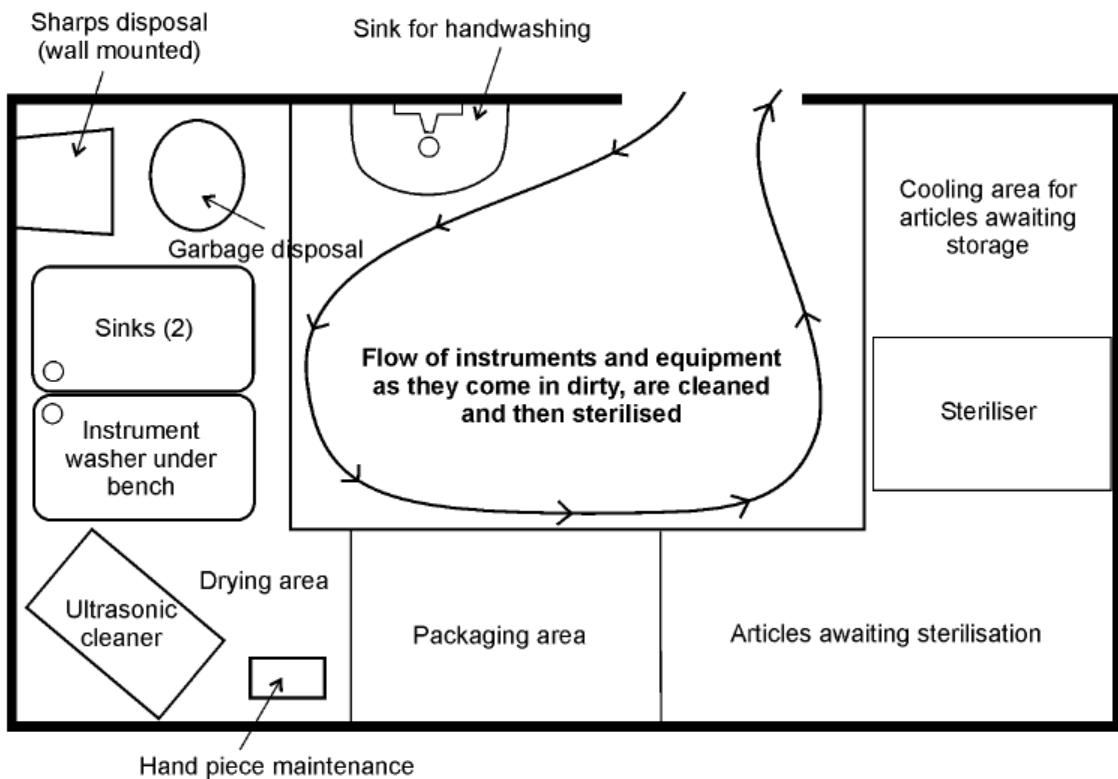


Suggested Reprocessing Area Design & Layout



- A. **Flooring** – Is easy to clean, and is not slippery when wet.
- B. **Personal Protective Equipment Storage** - A dedicated space for storage of personal protective equipment.
- C. **Space for receiving contaminated equipment**
- D. **Disposal of Waste** - Bins must be available for disposal of waste.
- E. **Alcohol Dispenser** – An alcohol dispenser for hand hygiene.
- F. **Sharps Disposal** - A secure biohazard sharps disposal container is required.
- G. **Dedicated sinks for cleaning/rinsing equipment** – In the absence of two sinks dedicated for equipment cleaning and rinsing, a basin for rinsing equipment post decontamination is an acceptable alternative.
- H. **Drying Area** – An area for drying equipment post rinsing.
- I. **Packing Area** - A clean separate area for packing equipment for sterilization.
- J. **Instruments awaiting sterilization** - A labeled container for instruments awaiting sterilization is recommended.
- K. **Sterilizer** - It is important that a daily sterilizer log book be kept by each autoclave in use.
- L. **Cooling Area** - A clean area for allowing sterilized packs to cool before storage.
- M. **Storage Area** - There needs to be adequate storage areas for cleaned, packaged and sterilized instruments.

Suggested layout for a reprocessing area



NOTES:

- 1 Arrow direction indicates the flow of instruments and equipment from dirty-clean-sterile.
- 2 Personnel working in the processing area should wash their hands:
 - (a) after handling soiled items and removal of gloves;
 - (b) before handling clean items; and
 - (c) before handling sterile items.

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