WOULD U LIKE THIS IMPLANT TO BE USED ON YOUR HIP

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ABSTRACT: AIM : to highlight the urgent need for increasing the awareness of operation theater staff regarding the importance of sterile procedures and proper handling of implants in the OTs before and after the surgical usage as the loose implants rotate from hospital to hospital collecting a lot of contamination on the way ,,, as they are supplied to every caller. **OBJECTIVE:** to prevent post operative infections which may ruin a life due to many endless debriding surgeries or may end the life in a permanent lifelong infection , amputation , or loss of precious life due to sepsis or suicide due to frustration or financial implications and social problems .

DISCUSSION: OT sterile protocol is mandatory and followed by all OT staff and doctors around the world in India also this is a must and is being followed but in this hospital OT, this picture is a grim reminder of the staff's negligence and inhumanness calling for a total recall of his or her posting with immediate effect and sending the persons in charge of the OT to basic OT training course . Infections in orthopaedics are predominantly caused by staphylococcus aureus besides many more dangerous bacteria , etc the prevalence of a concept called as " bio film " on a infected implant is well known and poor penetration of the antibiotics into the bio film is also very well knownmeaning it is a hell for the patient and the treating surgeon if infections occur .

CONCLUSION:

- *prevention is better than cure .
- * lets all implement the OT protocols of the developed world and let us all increase OT sterile awareness by conducting training programmes for doctors , OT staff and all concerned paramedical staff on a regular basis .
- * Lets use only packed sterile implants in the future as seen in this picture below.

AUTHOR'S COMMENT: please believe me when i say this " all loose implants are contaminated from outside and all cannulated instruments and screws may have bone or dirt inside. So ortho surgeons must think twice before ordering a loose ,unsterile implant ..because when i stopped using them why cant others ?..

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This photograph is from a government hospital handling major trauma including replacements but it is so unethical to find these unsterile and loose implants crying for help and safe packing as they lay gathering dust , bacteria from ledgers and almirah dust .. All OT handling precautions are left to the winds here.