Sterile	Clean	Dirty	Contaminated
ABSENCE OF ALL LIFE Packed and sterilised **jewellery** **needles** **Tools** tapers pliers scissors etc. (if correctly decontaminated or disposable) Packed and sterile gauzes gloves drapes Q-tips	FEW OR VERY FEW MICROBES FROM THE SURROUNDING AIR **Unused** examination gloves dental bibs tissues gauzes **Protective** sleeves aprons covers for furniture Skin disinfectants **Almost clean:** Hands and intact skin right after a thorough cleaning process	MICROBES FROM THE SURROUNDING AIR NO BODILY FLUIDS **Unprocessed jewellery** Counters Cleaned working surfaces and furniture Office supplies **Supplies not protected by their original packing** **Very dirty:** Intact uncleaned skin All means of payment Mobile phones Floors Door handles	POSSIBILITY OF BODILY FLUIDS AND PATHOGENS **USED or exposed** jewellery supplies tools surfaces Broken/damaged skin Trash bins Bathroom(s)