Dirty side
Aim: to protect employees from potentially contaminated washware

1 Return
Handle washware using gloves

2 Preparation, transport
- Work with gloves
- Work quickly and safely
- When moving from room to room: touch door handles with clean hands or clean gloves

3 Loading the machine
- Work with gloves
- Load washware correctly (as per the operating instructions)
- Open/close the machine door with a clean hand or clean glove
- Once closed: wash/disinfect hands or dispose of used gloves
- Hand wash basin, glove dispenser, bin

4 Cleaning and disinfection
- Press start button with a clean hand or clean glove
- Be alert for machine messages; refill chemical products if required

5 Drying
- Do not dry off by hand (teatowels are a hygiene risk); do not stack damp washware
- Drip-dry shelves, drying cabinet

6 Removal
Handle washware with clean hands or clean gloves

Clean side
Aim: to prevent clean washware from being recontaminated

7 Check
- Visual cleanliness check
- If poor: troubleshoot for cause, contact service team
- Depending on washware type, further checks may be required

8 Storage
- Only for clean and dry washware; ensure hygiene safety (wrap if required)
- Sufficient storage shelves

Legend:
1 Recommendation to act
2 Hygiene risk
3 Planning recommendation

The MEIKO hygiene loop

0 Use
- of dishes, cutlery, glasses
- of care utensils (bedpans, urine bottles, etc.)
- of PPE (BA masks, regulators, etc.)
- by diners, patients, frontline workers