

Spec. Code: 4046
Occ. Area: 12
Work Area: 445
Prob. Period: 6 mo.
Prom. Line: none
Effective Date: 04/01/09
Last Action: Rev.

OPERATING ROOM TECHNICIAN

Function of Job

Under the direct supervision of a registered professional nurse and/or physician, to perform technical functions directly related to surgical asepsis and patient care in operating rooms.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities

1. follows established operating room policies and procedures
2. assists in the care, maintenance, distribution, and control of equipment and supplies, both sterile and unsterile, that are used in operating procedures
3. assists in surgery, which includes arranging sterile articles and instruments, dressing materials and suture appropriate to the kind of operation scheduled, while maintaining sterility and orderliness of instrument tables
4. takes sponge, needle, and instrument counts during and after surgery according to hospital policy and reports discrepancies
5. prepares patients for surgery by cleaning and shaving the surgical site; assists with skin preparation and draping of patient
6. performs patient centered activities conducive to the general comfort and safety of patient
7. prepares medications, except narcotics, on the sterile field and requests blood plasma after checking operating room policy
8. assists with infusions and transfusions
9. assists with preparation of the operating room for surgical procedures by procuring equipment and supplies as indicated; checks equipment for proper functioning, maintains records, and provides for comfort of patient
10. performs other related duties as assigned

Minimum Acceptable Qualifications

CREDENTIALS TO BE VERIFIED BY PLACEMENT OFFICER

1. Completion of any one of the following training programs from the categories below:
 - a. Certificate of completion from a Medical Education Program approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation
 - or
 - b. Graduation from a Medical Education Program through an accredited hospital including those programs included as a United States Military Program with emphasis in surgical assisting

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE JOB

1. knowledge of principles and practices of aseptic techniques