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Occ. Area: 12
Prob. Period: 6 mo.
Prom. Line: none
Eff. Date: 04/15/24

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

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

A(n) Surgical Technologist typically -

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 sutures 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 the patient;
6. performs patient-centered activities conducive to the general comfort and safety of patients;
7. prepares medications, except narcotics, on the sterile field and requests blood plasma after checking the 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 the comfort of patient;
10. performs other related duties as assigned.

Minimum Acceptable Qualifications

CREDENTIALS TO BE VERIFIED BY PLACEMENT OFFICER

1. Associate's degree in Surgical Technology from an approved Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation program.

OR

Current certification as a Surgical Technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting [NBSTSA]

2. Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR] certification.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs)

1. Knowledge of principles and practices of aseptic techniques.
2. Knowledge of normal and pathologic anatomy and physiology.
3. Knowledge of closure techniques and can perform closure of all layers of skin.
4. Knowledge of standard practices in assisting surgeons during procedures.
5. Skill at responding precisely to verbal instructions.
6. Skill at adjusting to the actions of others and in coordination with their communication.
7. Skill at communicating and interacting effectively with members of the public.
8. Ability to exercise sound judgment in making critical decisions.
9. Ability to understand and follow instructions.
10. Ability to work well in stressful situations.
11. Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.