

0286 Operating Room Nurse

Overview

Title: Operating Room Nurse	Commitment Level (1-4): 1
Reports To: Operating Room Manager	On Boarding Required (Y/N): No
Department: Operating Room	Minimum Commitment: 2 Weeks
Job Code: 0286	Typical Service Commitment: 2 Weeks - 3 Months
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Summary Description

Cares for scheduled surgical patients coming from the ward to the operating room, going through the intraoperative phase of their hospital stay. The Operating Room Nurse will be expected to circulate, scrub, possibly assist the surgeon at times and maintain accurate written operating room documentation. This is an on-ship position and requires participation in an on-call schedule requires participation in an on-call schedule.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities (include but not limited to)

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily

- Use Universal Precautions at all times
- Document nursing care and patient condition accurately and completely in nursing notes
- Assist in setting up and performing in cases by assembly of equipment and supplies according to physician preferences, updating lists as needed
- Assist in setting up and performing in cases by opening of sterile pack, instruments and supplies, according to sterile technique
- Prepares sterile field including, all countable items documenting these on patient records
- Provide a surgically clean environment for patient care
- Ensures the sterility of supplies and instrumentation used during operative procedures
- Performs counts as per Mercy Ships policy
- Assist anesthesia personnel with the intubation/extubation of patients, the monitoring of fluid/volume balance, administration of blood/blood products and the thermo-regulation of the patient (if anesthetic assistant not available, then may need to assist)
- Acts as Scrub Nurse, assistant to Surgeon or Circulating Nurse as directed, maintaining integrity of sterile field
- Maintain a safe environment for the patient, preparing patient for surgery, positioning patient in appropriate position, and moving patient to and from operating table
- Demonstrate understanding and use of principles of asepsis in all duties
- Assist in clean-up of operating room following surgery, including proper disposal of used supplies and sharps, cleaning and decontamination of instruments and equipment in operating room
- Performs on call duties for emergency surgeries after duty hours and on weekends on a rotating basis
- Assist in training of new staff
- Ensure safety of equipment during sails
- Attend and participate in all hospital devotions, meetings and functions as required
- Due to the ever changing staffing levels and field service rotations, all staff may be re-assigned to temporarily fill roles in other departments in a time of need
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Requirements)

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required

- Supportive of Mercy Ships mission and vision, and committed to its core values
- Understand and apply servant leadership, work collaboratively with integrity and demonstrate accountability
- Able to live in and contribute to community life, requiring stable and healthy interpersonal skills
- Written and oral fluency in English is required
- Requires flexibility and sensitivity to language & cultural diversity
- Knowledge of Operating Room procedures, standards and equipment

Education and Experience

The requirements listed below are representative of the education and/or experience required:

- Commitments 12 months or longer require successful completion of On Boarding program
- Current active license as a Registered Nurse (or its International Equivalent) with the ability to both scrub and circulate is required
- Recent OR experience of at least two years full time or three years part time in the past 5 years AND at the point of application can show working 30 hours or more per week in an OR setting within the past 12 months
- Requirements for Operating Room Nurses who do not have scrubbing experience:
 - Acquire 6 months scrubbing experience with minimum 150 scrubbed cases
 - Should gain this experience within any of the surgical specialties listed: general, reconstructive plastic, gynecology, maxillofacial/ENT, or orthopedics (if possible), i.e....just scrubbing for ophthalmology is not sufficient.
- Current Basic Life Support certification is required; ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) are optional

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Signature	_____
Date	_____