

Job Description

**Job Title:** RN - Surgery

**Classification:** PRN/non-exempt

**Education Required:** Associate’s or Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from an accredited school

**Reports to:** Surgery Manager

**Creation Date:** 09/25/15

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**Job Summary**

The OR - RN performs specialized professional nursing duties in assisting surgeons in the operating room; acts as scrub or sterile nurse; sets up operating room according to type of operation; assists surgeon during operative procedures; transfers patient from operating room to recovery room; and performs related duties as required.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

* Assess patients pre-operatively.
* Initiates surgical “time-out” with surgical team.
* Uses established techniques in preparing for and assisting with surgical procedures; provides and sets up necessary instruments, supplies and equipment for different types of operations, according to established routines and instructions of the surgeon.
* Clean and prepare surgical site.
* Observes patient during surgical procedure to detect possible complications and/or breaks in sterile technique; furnishes emergency equipment and supplies to prevent fatality.
* Manages contaminated instruments and supplies during operation procedures to prevent spread of infection.
* As circulating nurse, places patient in prescribed position to assure access to operative field; adjusts operating table and accessory equipment as may be required; prepares operative area and drapes patient or assists surgeon with draping,
* During operative procedure, preserves and labels operative specimens for laboratory analysis.
* Provides special equipment such as cauteries, electro-surgical machines, diagnostic lights and other special-apparatus and assures same is in proper working order; manipulates such equipment, to aid in the efficiency of the surgeon and to avoid hazards to patient.
* Observes progress of surgery; provides additional instruments, supplies or other items as needed; provides and regulates such fluids as blood, plasma, saline and glucose solutions, cardiac and respiratory stimulants to prevent fatalities during operation,
* After operation, may apply or assist in applying dressings, and transferring patient, from operating room to recovery room.
* Cleans or directs cleaning and sterilization of contaminated instruments, equipment and supplies.
* Other duties as may be assigned.

**Job Requirements**

**Education:** Graduation from an accredited nursing school with an Associate’s or Bachelor’s

Degree.

**Licensure/Certification:** Current nursing license, in good standing with the Indiana State licensing board.

**Experience:** Minimum of two years of experience as a surgery nurse. Requires thorough technical and working knowledge of: the various steps involved in different types of operations in order to anticipate surgeon’s needs; correct methods of handling instruments and supplies; surgical instruments used in various surgical procedures, and the related proper setting up of the operating room; the importance of maintaining an aseptic field. Requires specialized skill and ability and mental and visual concentration when assisting surgeon during operative procedure. Excellent interpersonal skills required.

**Physical Requirements:** Ability to lift twenty-five (25) pounds. Moving, lifting or transferring of patients may involve lifting of up to fifty (50) pounds; ability to stand and walk for extended periods; ability to bend, lean and stoop without hindrance; full range of body motion; fine motor skills and visual acuity; normal range of hearing.

I have received my job description and understand that I will be evaluated on the requirements as described therein.

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