

JOB TITLE: OPERATING ROOM CIRCULATOR/REGISTERED NURSE

DEPARTMENT: SURGICAL SERVICES

MANAGEMENT: No

SUPERVISES: Yes, If Team Lead

CLASSIFICATION: Non Exempt

REPORTS TO: **DIRECTLY: SURGICAL SERVICES MANAGER**
INDIRECTLY: CHARGE NURSE, DIRECTOR OF NURSING

JOB SUMMARY: The Operating Room Circulator RN is responsible for the delivery and documentation of patient care during the intra-operative period. The RN will assess the patient's needs, physiologically as well as emotionally, and plan nursing care accordingly. The nursing role during this phase focuses on providing quality patient care through familiarity with and adherence to policies and procedures, and standards of practice for perioperative nursing. She/he will also monitor compliance to established standards and policies and procedures for surgical scrubs. He/she will facilitate and demonstrate cooperative behavior with colleagues and supervisors at all times.

QUALIFICATIONS: **Education/Certification:** Graduate from an accredited school of nursing. Licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of Idaho required. Current BLS, ACLS, and PALS certification required. CNOR certification preferred.

Experience: Operating room experience preferred. Neurologic and Cardiovascular experience preferred.

Equipment/Technology: Basic Computer Skills Required.

Language/Communication: Must have the ability to effectively read, write, and speak English.

Mathematical Skills: Must be able to calculate medication doses and other medication related calculations.

Mental Capabilities: Ability to work in a fast-paced environment. Can adapt to rapidly changing workloads due to changes in the surgery census. Can frequently and consistently make sound judgments.

Interpersonal: Works well with others.

Performance: Can work well under pressure and meet multiple and competing deadlines.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: For the minimum physical demands required to complete the essential functions of this position, including vision, hearing, repetitive motion and environment, see the description following.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Operating Room RN:

1. Performs the perioperative nursing role to include preoperative assessment of the patient, nursing care plan formulation, operative care plan implementation, and postoperative evaluation of the patient's response/outcome. Also evaluates the effectiveness and appropriateness of nursing care provided with documentation of such.
2. Demonstrates understanding and utilization of principles of asepsis in all duties.
3. Assists in the setting up and performance of cases by assembly of equipment and supplies according to sterile technique.
4. Assists in the setting up and performance of cases by opening of sterile pack, instruments, and supplies according to sterile technique.
5. Prepares each patient for surgery by: positioning the patient in the appropriate position, preparing the patient's operative site, confirming the procedure and site according to the surgeon's history and physical and operating room team, and helping move the patient to and from the operating table.
6. Assists anesthesia personnel with the intubation/extubation of patients, the monitoring of fluid volume balance, the administration of blood/blood products, and the thermo-regulation of the patient.
7. Performs surgical counts (sponges, sharps, and instruments) and documents nursing care on legal records.
8. Handles specimens according to proper procedure.

9. Assists in the clean-up of the operating room following surgery, including proper disposal of used supplies and sharps.
10. Assumes responsibility for intra-operative patient safety related to positioning activities, the use of equipment, and the use of chemicals and solutions.
11. Is responsible for complete and thorough performance of assigned tasks, addressing specific needs of pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric patients as necessary.
12. Acts as the nursing advocate for the patient, upholding the patient's rights. Collaborates with other professional team members.
13. Monitors the patient's level of consciousness, electrocardiogram, blood pressure, and oxygen saturation during local anesthetic procedures.
14. Uses supplies conservatively and efficiently.
15. Performs infection control activities to include observation of the surgical team during procedures, taking corrective actions as needed to maintain aseptic technique. Provides a surgically clean environment for patient care. Ensures the sterility of supplies and instrumentation used during operative procedures.
16. Adheres to and practices Idaho Falls Community Hospital Compliance Program and participates in Performance Improvement activities.
17. Performs on call duties for emergency surgeries after duty hours and weekends on a rotating basis.
18. Is knowledgeable of policies and procedures of the department and facility.
19. Maintains professional competency through appropriate continuing education.
20. Performs other related duties incidental to the work described herein, or as assigned by the Surgery Team Leader, Surgical Services Manager.
21. Cover in Pre-op/PACU areas as needed.

Duties of the RN if Surgery Team Leader:

1. Make copies of the surgery schedule for RN's and anesthesia providers.
2. Reviews and updates the surgery schedule and staffing if needed.
3. Be available by the surgery phone for questions and concerns.
4. Coordinates the flow of patients and assignments
5. Supervises and trouble-shoots the operations of the department for the day.



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PHYSICAL DEMANDS

On-the-job time is spent in the following physical activities Show the **minimum** amount of time by checking the appropriate boxes below.

--Minimum Amount of Time--

	None	up to 1/3	1/3 to 1/2	2/3 and more
Stand:				X
Walk:				X
Sit:		X		
Talk or hear:				X
Use hands to finger, handle or feel:				X
Push/Pull:			X	
Stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl:		X		
Reach with hands and arms:			X	
Taste or smell:	X			

This job requires that weight be lifted or force be exerted. Show how much and how often by checking the appropriate boxes below.

--Minimum Amount of Time--

	None	up to 1/3	1/3 to 1/2	2/3 and more
Up to 10 pounds:				X
Up to 25 pounds:				X
Up to 50 pounds:				X
Up to 100 pounds:	X			
More than 100 pounds:	X			

T This job has special vision requirements. Check all that apply.

- Close Vision (clear vision at 20 inches or less)
- Distance Vision (clear vision at 20 feet or more)
- Color Vision (ability to identify and distinguish colors)
- Peripheral Vision (ability to observe an area that can be seen up and down or to the left and right while eyes are fixed on a given point)
- Depth Perception (three-dimensional vision; ability to judge distances and spatial relationships)
- Ability to Adjust Focus (ability to adjust eye to bring an object into sharp focus)
- No Special Vision Requirements
- Hand-Eye Coordination

Specific demands not listed:

Note: Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

This job requires exposure to the following environmental conditions.

Show the **minimum** amount of time by checking the appropriate boxes below.

--Minimum Amount of Time--

	None	up to 1/3	1/3 to 1/2	2/3 and more
Wet, humid conditions (non-weather):	X			
Work near moving mechanical parts:				X
Fumes or airborne particles:				X
Toxic or caustic chemicals:		X		
Outdoor weather conditions:	X			
Extreme cold (non-weather):	X			
Extreme heat (non-weather):	X			
Risk of electrical shock:		X		
Work with explosives:	X			
Risk of radiation:			X	
Vibration:		X		
Blood-borne Pathogens:				X

The typical noise level for the work environment is:

Check all that apply.

- Very Quiet
- Loud Noise
- Quiet
- Very Loud Noise
- Moderate Noise

Hearing:

- Ability to hear alarms on equipment
- Ability to hear client call
- Ability to hear instructions from physician/department staff

REPETITIVE MOTION ACTIONS

--Minimum Number of Hour--

Repetitive use of foot control

	0	1-2	3-4	5-6	7+
A. Right only				X	
B. Left Only				X	
C. Both				X	

Repetitive use of hands

A. Right only	X				
B. Left Only	X				
C. Both		X			

Grasping: simple/light

A. Right only				X	
B. Left Only				X	
C. Both				X	

Grasping: firm/heavy

A. Right only				X	
B. Left Only				X	
C. Both				X	

Fine Dexterity

A. Right only				X	
B. Left Only				X	
C. Both				X	

I have read this description of the job title **Operating Room RN** and understand the functions and objectives of the position. I certify that I am able to perform the same. I understand that this job description cannot anticipate all physical and mental requirements that may come up in the daily assignment of the job and that I am also accountable for minor duties and responsibilities as assigned or deemed necessary.

Employee Name (Print)

Employee Signature

Date



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Employee signature below constitutes employee's understanding of the requirements, essential functions, duties and expectations of the position.

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Employee

Date

Manager

Date

Nothing associated with this job description and/or its addendum and nothing contained in this document, is intended to create an employment contract or to convert at-will employment to a specified period of time.