

OPERATING ROOM DEPARTMENT
SCOPE OF PRACTICE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST STUDENTS

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST STUDENT

1. The surgical technician student will operate under the direct supervision of their assigned staff surgical technician and or nurse. The supervising staff member is responsible at all times for the performance of the student.

2. The surgical technologist student will perform duties as Primary Surgical Technologist in accordance with their level of training and scope of practice.

Students will be responsible for:

- a. Perform case studies and research the assigned surgical procedures the night before.
 - b. Inspection of surgical supplies and equipment needed for surgical procedure.
 - c. Scrubs, gowns, and gloves self with proper surgical sterile technique.
 - d. Set up sterile table with instruments, supplies, equipment, and medications solutions needed for procedure.
 - e. Performs appropriate counts with circulator prior to the operation and before incision is closed.
 - f. Gowns and gloves surgeon and assistants.
 - g. Helps in draping sterile field.
 - h. Passes instruments, etc., to surgeon during procedure.
 - i. Maintains highest standard of sterile technique during procedure.
 - j. Prepares sterile dressings.
 - k. Cleans and prepares instruments for terminal sterilization.
 - l. Assists other members of surgical team with terminal cleaning of room.
 - m. Assists in preparing for the next patient.
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3. The surgical technologist student will perform duties as Circulating Surgical Technologist assisting in obtaining additional instruments, supplies, and equipment necessary while the surgical procedure is in progress. He/she monitors conditions in the operating room and constantly assesses the needs of the patient and surgical team.

Duties are as follows:

- a. Obtains appropriate sterile and unsterile items needed for procedure

- b. Opens sterile supplies
- c. Assesses comfort and safety measures and provides verbal and tactile reassurance to the patient
- d. Assists anesthesia personnel
- e. Positions patient, using appropriate equipment
- f. Applies electrosurgical grounding pads, tourniquets, monitors, etc., before procedure begins
- g. Prepares the patient's skin prior to draping by surgical team
- h. Anticipates additional supplies needed during the procedure
- i. Helps transport patient to recovery room
- j. Assists in cleaning of room and preparing for next patient

4. The surgical technologist student will perform duties Second Assisting Surgical Technologist assists the surgeon and/or first assistant during the operative procedure by carrying out technical tasks other than cutting, clamping, and suturing of tissue. This role is distinct from that of the first assistant and may, in some circumstances, be performed at the same time as the scrub role. Duties include but are not exclusive to the following:

- a. Holds retractors or instruments as directed by the surgeon.
- b. Sponges or suctions fluid in operative site.
- c. Applies electrocautery to clamps to stop bleeding.
- d. Cuts suture material as directed by the surgeon.
- e. Connects drains to suction apparatus.
- f. Applies dressings to wound closures.

5. The surgical technologist student will consult assigned staff surgical technician and or nurse for additional guidance when necessary.

Student

Date