



JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Sterile Processing Tech/OR Aide
DEPARTMENT: Surgical Services
REPORTS TO: Director of Surgery
FLSA: Non-Exempt

SUMMARY OF JOB:

To properly decontaminate, wash, sterilize, monitor quality, and maintain sterility of surgical and other medical instrumentation, along with surgical and materials staff. Pull cases, cleans equipment and rooms between cases and restock supplies at end of the day; assists with anesthesia duties. Will aid in the departmental flow and communication to ensure instruments, equipment, and supplies are available for cases.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Colorado West Healthcare System expects job performance to be consistent with its mission and believes that each Employee contributes to improve performance by continuously searching for ways to increase efficiencies and enhance fiscal performance and viability.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following statements are illustrative of the essential functions of the job and do not include other non-essential or marginal duties that may be required. Community Hospital reserves the right to modify or change the duties or essential functions of this job at any time. All responsibilities may not be performed by all incumbents.

1. Assists in OR flow by:
 - a. Maintaining designated supplies to assigned areas
 - b. Ensuring all equipment and supplies are available for each surgical case
 - c. Ensuring that instruments/equipment is functional, and reporting any inadequacies to Charge RN / SPD Lead / Director
 - d. Communicating with OR leadership and staff to aid in surgical flow

2. Processes surgical instruments in accordance with the AMMI recommended practices by:
 - a. Decontamination of contaminated instrumentation in a safe, effective and timely manner
 - b. Compliant with wearing proper PPE
 - c. Demonstrating proper use of washers
 - d. Inspecting surgical instruments for function and cleanliness
 - e. Reporting needs for repairing or sharpening of instruments
 - f. Ensuring proper assembly of surgical sets and instruments
 - g. Completing and ensuring accuracy of instrument count sheet
 - h. Demonstrating proper wrapping technique per recommended standards
 - i. Demonstrating proper use of all sterilizers
 - j. Demonstrating proper use of the IUS
 - k. Demonstrating proper use of ultrasonic
 - l. Returning instruments to correct location after processing
 - m. Assisting OR staff in locating instruments needed for cases
 - n. Maintaining adequate par levels of SPD supplies, notifying Central Sterile Lead when par levels are inadequate

3. Maintains proper documentation by:
 - a. Maintaining permanent records of sterilization for Surgery department, and other departments as needed in accordance with recommended practices
 - b. Reporting any problems with sterilization monitoring system to biomedical engineering Sterile Processing Lead, Charge Nurse or Director
4. Works with Environmental Services by:
 - a. Reestablishing a safe and clean environment, including cleaning of rooms and surroundings, removal of linens or disposable items following established regulatory policies
 - b. Terminal cleaning of rooms
5. Assisting anesthesia care by:
 - a. Understanding the differing needs of each individual anesthesiologists
 - b. Working with OR Managers/Director on OR schedule to determine equipment needs for special procedures, preparing OR for indicated procedure, to include setting up and calibrating monitoring devices
 - c. Maintaining inventory control of anesthesia supplies in the anesthesia work room in an organized fashion
 - d. Cleaning, preparing, and maintaining supplies needed for surgical procedures (laryngoscope blades, face masks, tubing, filters, soda line, glide scope, ultrasound, fluid/blood warmers, and specialty pumps, etc.)
6. Call: Required to take call as assigned.
7. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:

High school diploma or equivalent training preferred.
Current unrestricted licensure as a Certified Nurse Assistant in the State of Colorado preferred.
OR
Equivalent combination of education and experience.

CERTIFICATES/LICENSES:

BLS preferred

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Must be able to speak, read and write English. Ability to read and interpret documents such as physician orders, medical charts, safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to effectively present information in one-on-one and small group situations to supervisors, patients, patient's family and other employees of organization. Able to work in a team-oriented environment.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS:

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent.

REASONING ABILITY:

Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:

Demonstrates exceptional customer service skills using professional and team center attitude; builds relationships and proactively respects others. Requires adaptability with regular interpersonal contact.

DECISION MAKING ABILITY:

Work limited by standards and procedures. Adapts to recurring operational situations using formal and informal channels. Unusual situations are reviewed with a manager.

ANALYTICAL ABILITY:

Apply basic business or technical principles to routine and moderately complex problems. Concentrates and pays close attention to detail.

COMPUTER SKILLS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual should be computer-literate and have working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit; have manual dexterity; handle or feel; talk and hear. The employee is occasionally required to stand; walk; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 20 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to moving mechanical parts, risk of electrical shock, exposure to infectious diseases, and transmission of airborne disease. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

GENERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES:

Attends annual compliance and privacy training.

Responsible for complying with all federal, state and local rules and regulations.

Must comply with the Code of Conduct Guide.

Reports any observation of fraud, waste, abuse, and/or privacy violations to HR or CCO.

Reports any conflict of interest or relationship immediately.

HIPAA:

Ensures and adheres to strict confidentiality when handling patient information, according to the HIPAA Privacy Act and hospital policy and procedure regarding confidentiality. Complies with all hospital information security practices.

Has knowledge of and adheres to all compliance regulations, policies and procedures.

Final Section I understand that my employment is for an indefinite period of time and that his facility can change wages, benefits, and conditions of employment at any time.

Employee Name & Signature

Date

Supervisor Name & Signature

Date