ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEALTH CARE TEAM

Describe the roles and responsibilities of other health care team members.
Roles and Responsibilities

- Define Health Care team
- Read Job Descriptions
- Know what role each member plays at your facility
A team of highly trained professionals with a wide range of specialties who is present to offer comprehensive patient care.
Role of the Circulator Video

- Must be an RN
- Plans patient care
- Communicates patient’s needs to the health care team
- Manager of the Operating Room Suite, the “Watch dog”
Role of Scrub Person

- Is scrubbed in at the field
- Set up sterile supplies and instrumentation
- Assist the surgeon as needed during the operative procedure
- Performs all needed counts with the circulating nurse
- Knowledge of aseptic technique
Role of the Surgeon

- Requests the surgery
- Provides consent and history and physical
- Communicates exact procedure, operative side and any special needs prior to surgical case.
- Assists in positioning patient
- Performs surgical procedure
Role of the First Assistant/Resident

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- Surgeon, Physicians Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, CRNFA
- Have completed extended training.
- Assist the surgeon in manipulating tissue and wound closure.
Role of the Anesthesiologist/CRNA

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- Assesses patient’s risk for receiving anesthesia
- Assesses need for appropriate anesthetic during the surgical procedure
- Communicates equipment needs to the Anesthesia tech or circulating nurse
Role of the Anesthesia Technician Video

- Knowledge of equipment used by the Anesthesiologist
- Assists with the set-up of equipment, medications and supplies and clean-up in assigned operating rooms
- May assist Anesthesia Provider during induction of anesthesia
Role of the Surgery Assistant/Medical Assistant/Hospital Assistant Video

- Some ordering and stocking of supplies
- Assist with room turnover and related housekeeping
- Assist the nurse in patient care activities
- Transportation of patients
Role of Charge Nurse

- Facilitates staffing needs
- Role model and clinical resource
- Facilitates communication within the healthcare team
- Organizes patient assignments to give optimum care
Role of the Health Unit Coordinator Video

- Direct telephone calls
- Communicate information to health care team
- Order supplies and forms
- Schedule cases
Additional Roles

- Equipment Technician: Video
- OR Manager: Video
- SPD Technician: Video Part 1
  - Part 2 Video
- To Add: Radiology Technicians
- PreOp/PACU RNs
The Patient is the Focus

- Patient
- Circulating Nurse
- Surgeon
- Scrub Person
- Charge Nurse
- Surgery Assistant
- Anesthesia Tech
- Anesthesiologist or CRNA