Circulating Nurse Role

**Competency Statement:**

The nurse effectively performs as a circulating nurse in the operating theatre

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<td>1. Discuss the role of the Circulating Nurse</td>
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<td>2. Discuss the hospital policy and procedures and the ACORN Standards of a Circulating Nurse</td>
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<td>3. Describe the surgical procedure</td>
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<td>4. Prepare equipment, instruments and supplies for surgical case</td>
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<td>5. Discuss the Circulating Nurse’s role in verification and tracking of instrumentation and equipment used within the sterile field (TDOC is completed)</td>
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<td>6. Confirm that the prepared equipment, instruments and supplies are appropriate and present for the procedure</td>
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**Communication**

7. Consult the surgeon preference book to set up for the procedure
8. Consult the surgeon experienced nurses on equipment and instruments required if unsure
9. Consult the surgeon and anaesthetist on the order of the list and individual patient needs
10. Introduce self to the surgical team
11. Ensure all members of the surgical team are recorded on ORMIS and on the white boards in theatre
12. Demonstrate correct completion of ORMIS, including Time Out and Consent

**Setting Up**

13. Ensure instruments, equipment and supplies are at hand, in good working condition and ready for use
14. Check internal sterility indicators and integrity before opening and before using sterile items. Discard items that do not comply with standards and takes correct measures in the event of contamination
15. Demonstrate how to setup a theatre for a procedure ensuring all surfaces, floor and operating lights are clean and free of dust and fluids
16. Select correct trolley for procedure
17. Demonstrate correct placement of sterile bundles and supplies
18. Demonstrate correct technique when opening sterile packs, steri-peel and instrument trays
19. Demonstrate correct use of the T-Doc scanner to scan the tracking stickers
20. Discuss the process of reporting and recording of items that do not comply with processing standards

**Intra-Operative**

21. Explain the recommended distance away from the sterile field when presenting sterile supplies and instruments to the sterile field
22. Demonstrate correct movement between sterile fields
23. Confirm liquid type, strength and date of expiry before pouring into the correct bowls from a discrete distance
24. Demonstrate the Procedural Safety Checks
25. Accurately documents the consent is complete and “Time out” performed on ORMIS
26. Accurately documents the surgical count on the “Intra Operative Record Sheet, MR17A” ensuring form is complete and accurate
27. Discuss and demonstrate the correct connection of surgical equipment (eg: diathermy, camera, light lead, head lights, air tools, etc)
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I, the undersigned, have demonstrated the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes, values and/or abilities to be deemed competent in the Circulating Nurses Role. I acknowledge that ongoing development and maintenance of competency is my responsibility and will be evidenced in my Professional Practice Portfolio.

Nurse
Name………………………………Signature…………………………………Date …../…../………

Assessor (Preceptor or CNE/F)
Name………………………………Signature…………………………………Date …../…../………

**Competency Feedback and Reflections**