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JOB SUMMARY

TITLE: SURGICAL TECHNICIAN

REPORT TO: Director of Healthcare Resources and Appropriate Client Representative

The SURGICAL TECHNICIAN assists in the nursing care and preparation of surgical patients. Functions as a member of the sterile team in donning gown and gloves, creating and maintaining a sterile field, and issuing instruments to surgeons. Provides care for all young, middle-aged, and geriatric patients regardless of race, sex, religion, national origin, or handicap.

EDUCATION:	Most facilities prefer national certification or a graduate of an accredited Surgical Technologist program accredited by the Commission on Certification for Allied Health Education Programs. Take national exam given by LCCST.
LICENSURE:	None.
EXPERIENCE:	One to three (1-3) years experience as a Surgical Technician.
SKILLS:	Responsible for setup of sterile instruments and supplies. Able to assist surgeons with procedures and maintain aseptic technique during surgery. Requires interpersonal skills. Possess flexibility and the ability to fit in as a team member. Able to function independently.
CREDENTIALS:	Current CPR Current PPD Other health and screening tests as required by specific facilities.
TRANSPORTATION:	Reliable transportation and valid automobile insurance coverage.
ENVIRONMENTAL/ WORKING CONDITIONS:	Works in surgical settings; possible exposure to blood and bodily fluids and infectious diseases; ability to work flexible schedules to meet client needs.
PHYSICAL/MENTAL EFFORT:	Requires prolonged standing and walking and the ability to lift and position heavy patients. Requires working under stressful conditions. Able to communicate effectively with surgeons, staff, and patients.

**ADDITIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Prepares and passes instruments, sutures, sponges, and supplies needed in the operative procedure and maintains a correct count.
2. Knowledge of surgical procedures.
3. Knowledge of aseptic technique and proper O.R. scrub (hands and patient).
4. Knowledge of O.R. proper procedures and scrubs – gowning and gloving.
5. Knowledge of anatomy and physiology.
6. Assists in maintenance and care of specimens.
7. Assists in the cleanup of the operating rooms following operations.
8. Possesses the ability to make independent decisions, follow verbal and written instructions, and accept constructive criticism.
9. Ability to read, write, and perform complex mathematical calculations.
10. Remains alert during procedures and demonstrates an ability to handle unexpected situations with calm efficiency. Anticipates situations and functions with a proactive awareness. Functions appropriately in emergency situations.
11. Maintains current CPR certification.
12. Must show respect and dignity for the rights of patients, family members, visitors, and other employees.

Healthcare Associate

Date

This Job Summary is not meant to be inclusive, but rather functions as a guideline.