

RN CIRCULATOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

TIERED SKILLS ACQUISITION MODEL

STARTING YOUR DAY

1. Review the schedule
2. Check your case carts and read doctor's preference cards
3. Gather any additional supplies or equipment needed
4. Check your room stock
5. Pick cases as needed

PREPARING YOUR ROOM

6. Spread supplies
7. Set up equipment for the case
8. Ensure you have the correct bed
9. Position bed directly under lights
10. Open supplies with sterile technique
11. Perform counts

CHECKING YOUR PATIENT IN

12. Review chart (H&P, Anesthesia notes, surgery, consents)
13. Identify patient
14. Assessment (NPO status, confirm surgery and laterality, implants, personal belongings, emotional status)
15. Complete handoff/sign out with preop nurse

PREPROCEDURE ACTIVITIES

16. Safely transfer patient to table
17. Secure patient to table
18. SCDs on and functioning
19. Pre-anesthesia time out
20. Assist as needed during induction and intubation
21. Foley placement
22. Clippers
23. Patient positioning
24. Patient prep
25. Grounding pad placement
26. Surgical time out

INTRAOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

27. Medication delivery to the field
28. Connect cords and devices
29. Anticipation of scrub needs
30. Specimen management
31. Maintain and monitor room sterility
32. Traffic control
33. Conversion from laparoscopic to open
34. Code management

CASE CLOSING ACTIVITIES

35. Perform counts
36. Call for next patient (in-house)
37. Call for ICU bed
38. Dressings
39. Wound vac set up
40. Call receiving unit/give report
41. Tag broken items for repair

TURN OVER

42. Remove and return unused supplies and equipment
43. Clean as indicated

END-OF-DAY ACTIVITIES

44. Clean room
45. Return unused supplies and equipment
46. Check on other rooms/offer breaks
47. End-of-shift report
48. Pick cases as needed

DOCUMENTATION GOALS

49. Adding staff names
50. Basic intraop charting
51. Ordering blood
52. Specimen management
53. Access films and x-rays
54. Charges
55. Adding equipment

NURSING GOALS

56. Prioritization
57. Delegation
58. Time management
59. Professional communication