

## **Job Description: Surgical Technologist**

### **Definition:**

A Surgical Technologist (ST) assists surgical operations by performing scrubbing duties for operative procedures under the supervision of surgeons, nurses, or other surgical personnel. The ST is under the direction of the Nurse Manager and is directly supervised by the Nursing staff in the operating room.

### **Qualifications:**

- High School diploma or GED equivalency
- Graduation from an accredited Surgical Technologist training program.
- Certified as a Surgical Technologist (CST) through a certification examination
- Evidence of BLS
- At least one (1) year of skilled practice within the past two (2) years

### **Functions:**

1. Must respond quickly and know procedures well in order to have the instruments ready for surgeons without having to be told.
2. Prepares the operating room by setting up surgical instruments and equipment, sterile drapes and sterile solutions.
3. Knowledge of and the ability to identify surgical instruments, their care, storage and sterilizations.
4. Prepare patients for surgery by washing, shaving and disinfecting incision sites.
5. Ability to observe patients' vital signs, check charts, and assist the surgical team with gowning and gloving.
6. Safely breaks down the contaminated area after the completion of the procedures in a manner that prevents the spread of contamination.
7. Safely operates steam and gas autoclaves, mechanical and electrical equipment.
8. Maintains and controls all surgical equipment and supplies, performs routine inventory while monitoring expiration dates and recommends procurement of equipment and supplies for various specialties.
9. Keeps abreast of new developments, techniques and surgical procedures.

### **Physical Demands and Working Conditions:**

- Motor coordination and manual dexterity to coordinate hands, eyes and fingers to handle instruments quickly.
- Conscientious, orderly and emotionally stable to handle the demands of the operating room environment.

- Frequent reaching, bending and handling of instruments and caring for patients needs.
- Standing for long periods and remain alert during operations.
- Near vision acuity to read gauges and handle fine instruments and sutures.

*By my signature below, I confirm that I have read the Surgical Technologist Job description and understand the contents thereof to be an accurate representation of my role while on an assignment with Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited.*

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