
Overview

This standard covers the non-scrubbed circulating role, assisting perioperative teams during perioperative procedures.

This involves preparing and positioning clinical medical devices and equipment, providing these items to the surgical team and monitoring the items used. You will be working under the guidance of a registered practitioner.

All actions and decisions should be carried out in accordance with current legislation, organisational policies, clinical protocols, and professional standards.

Users of this standard will need to communicate effectively to meet individuals' needs and wishes and work in line with health and safety legislation, policy and practices.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1. identify and agree the roles and responsibilities of yourself and others in performing the non-scrubbed circulating role for perioperative procedures
- P2. ensure that your position and movements do not compromise the sterile field
- P3. take appropriate action without delay if there is any breakdown of the sterile field
- P4. select and prepare the correct surgical instrumentation and supplementary items according to the clinical specialty and the anticipated requirements of the operative procedure
- P5. make the selected item available to the appropriate member of the team in the prescribed manner, manufacturers instruction and organisational policies and procedures
- P6. count and record instruments, needles, swabs and supplementary items prior to commencement and on completion in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- P7. handle and connect medical devices and equipment safely and correctly, in line with manufacturers' instructions and organisational policies
- P8. handle and manage contaminated items in line with organisational policies
- P9. comply with organisational policies for replacing used items from stock and tracking and traceability requirements
- P10. complete all relevant documentation required for performing the non-scrubbed circulating role for perioperative procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1. the current legislation, local guidelines, policies, procedures and protocols which are relevant to your work practice and to which you must adhere

K2. the scope and limitations of your own competence, responsibilities and accountability as it applies to your job role

K3. how to access and interpret all relevant work instructions and information

K4. specific procedures for reporting issues which are beyond your competence, responsibilities and accountability

K5. the hazards and risks which may arise during the execution of your work role and how you can minimise these

K6. the correct use of any equipment and PPE to protect the health and safety of you and others

K7. the role of regulatory bodies in relation to medical and healthcare products and regulations relating to medical devices

K8. the principles of asepsis in relation to:

- the provision of medical devices to the surgical team
- maintenance of sterile field

K9. the potential consequences of poor practice in relation to the preparation, provision and monitoring of medical devices and equipment

K10. the requirements for, suitability of, and types of surgical instrumentation for different procedures and clinical specialities

K11. the action to take if problems are identified with medical devices which have been requested

K12. the principles and techniques for counting and monitoring surgical items and swabs and equipment

K13. the importance of correctly weighing swabs in the estimation of blood loss

K14. the importance of checking and confirming that medical devices are in a suitable condition prior to use

K15. safe moving and handling principles and techniques

K16. the criteria and methods for checking and maintaining the sterility of medical devices used in clinical procedures

K17. the circulating role and responsibility for maintaining the sterile field

K18. the agreed lines of communication within clinical teams in relation to requesting and providing medical devices during clinical procedures

K19. how to complete all relevant documentation required for performing the non-scrubbed circulating role for perioperative procedures

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