

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: FAR WEST

Classification: CERTIFIED SURGICAL SCRUB TECHNICIAN

Applicant Name:

Certified Surgical Scrub Technician:

The Certified Surgical Scrub Technician must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.

Definition of Care of Service:

The Certified Surgical Scrub Technician functions as a member of the surgical team and may perform various duties to facilitate surgical cases. The Score of Service may include:

- Ensures the circulating nurse has checked the equipment
- Ensures the room has been properly cleaned prior to starting the procedure
- Uses sterile technique for scrubbing, gowning and gloving
- Assists the surgeon and assistant surgeon as needed with gowning and gloving.
- Assures suction and all equipment is functioning
- Ensures patient safety is maintained
- Prepares and correctly transfers sterile instruments to the surgeon during a surgical procedure
- Assists to monitor patient condition
- Organizes sterile drapes and prepare sterile fluids. Prepares and preserves a sterile filed in which the
 operation can take place.
- Receives surgical items after use and puts them where they will not contaminate a sterile instrument or surface
- Responsible for the sponge counts, the blades and needles and instruments check throughout the operation.
- Informs the surgeon of count result at the end of the operation
- Prepares the patient for recovery room
- Completes all documentation as defined by organizational policy
- Ensures handoff occurs to recovery room
- Must be able to anticipate, react quickly and be a conscientious observer as well as have knowledge of anatomy and of the operative procedures s/he is assisting.
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians

Setting(s):

 Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospital operating rooms and ambulatory surgical centers with surgical service areas

Supervision requirements:

- Direct supervision by the physician
 - o Indirect supervision by the surgical department director, site manager or designee

Evaluator: Surgical department director in conjunction with supervising physician or designee

Tier Level: 3



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eSAF Access Required: YES

Qualifications:

- Completion of an accredited Certified Surgical Technician (CST) program or
- Registered Nurse (RN)
 - Additional experience or training in perioperative nursing (Found on Skills Checklist)

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

State Requirements:

N/A

Experience:

1 year experience as a Surgical Scrub Technician (Certified/Licensed)

Competencies

The Certified Surgical Scrub Technician will demonstrate:

- Provides a safe environment for patients
 - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - Labels containers used for blood and specimens in the presence of the patient
 - Labels all medications and solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and procedural settings
 - Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
 - Participates in a time-out immediately before starting an invasive procedure or making the incision
- Basic aseptic technique
 - Applies sterile attire including scrubbing, gowning and gloving
 - Uses sterile technique for scrubbing, gowning and gloving of other personnel
 - Organizes sterile drapes
 - o Receives sterile equipment via circulating nurse using sterile technique
 - Assists with patient dressing application
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
 - Coordinates case preparation
 - Transfers sterile instruments to surgeon accurately
 - o Anticipates surgeon needs
 - Assists with care of instruments at end of case
 - o Demonstrates working knowledge of anatomy and physiology
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

Nursing Crib *The Fastest Growing Nursing Community* (2011): Duties of a Scrub Nurse; Retrieved from http://nursingcrib.com/nursing-notes-reviewer/role-of-scrub-nurse/



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United States Department of Labor *U.S. Bureau of Statistics* (2011) Surgical Technician; Retrieved from www.bls.gov

Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.	
Applicant Printed Name:	
Signature:	
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