



Perioperative Registered Nurses are Essential To Quality Patient Care In The Operating Room

Mission Statement

The scope of Perioperative Nursing practice is a continuum ranging from a basic to an advanced level of professional nursing that focuses on identifying and meeting the individual needs of the surgical patient immediately preoperatively, intraoperatively, and immediately postoperatively.

Perioperative Registered Nurses are:

- professionally responsible and accountable for their practice
- coordinators of patient care
- leaders and teachers in the health care field
- cost effective (multi-skilled and cross-trained)
- patient and family advocates
- risk managers (protect the patient, personnel, and the environment)
- health promoters

Perioperative Registered Nurses have:

- critical, clinical decision making skills
- a broad knowledge of anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, and aseptic technique
- specialized nursing knowledge and assessment skills
- Recommended Standards for Perioperative Nursing Practice
- a functional knowledge of medical legal aspects
- a certification process (examination established by the Canadian Nurses Association)
- a Code of Ethics which guides nursing practice

Perioperative Registered Nurses:

- establish respectful, trusting, therapeutic relationships with patients and their families
- use the nursing process to direct care

- use evidence based practice in the provision of nursing care
- assume new responsibilities in response to the changing needs of patients
- work independently and collaboratively to provide patient focused care
- recognize that all surgery is a major life event for each patient
- define and direct their practice (Scope of Practice)
- articulate their roles and expectations (Competency Statements/Standards)
- develop and implement policies and protocols to provide safe patient care
- establish professional working relationships with members of the multidisciplinary team
- coordinate multidisciplinary team activities
- care for patients with both predictable and unpredictable outcomes

Perioperative Registered Nurses will:

- continue to change and develop professionally in response to the changing needs of patients, the health care system and society

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