

# Circulator



**Registered Nurse**

# Circulating Role Responsibilities

- Provide emotional support to patient before anesthesia induction.
- Perform ongoing patient assessment.
- Verify accurate and complete preparation of supplies, instruments, and equipment preoperatively.
- Document patient care.



# Circulating Role Responsibilities (cont.)

- Create and maintain a safe environment.
- Implement and enforce policies and procedures.
- Prepare specimens



# Circulating Role Responsibilities (cont.)

- Coordinate nursing care from health care team members.
- Communicate information to other members of health care team and family.



# Circulating Knowledge/Skills

## Utilizing AORN Standards and Recommended Practices

- Assess physiological and psychosocial health status of patient/family
- Formulate nursing diagnosis
- Establish patient goals
- Develop plan of care
- Implement nursing actions
- Participate in patient/family teaching
- Create and maintain a sterile field



# Circulating Knowledge/Skills (cont.)

- Provide needed equipment and supplies.
- Perform sponge, sharps, and instrument counts.
- Administer medications/solutions as prescribed
- Monitor patient during surgery
- Monitor and control environment
- Respect patient's rights



# Circulating Knowledge/Skills (cont.)

- Perform nursing actions that demonstrate accountability
- Evaluate patient outcomes
- Measure effectiveness of nursing care
- Continuously reassess

