

HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL

OPERATING ROOM SERVICES

PERIOPERATIVE NURSING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATING ROOM

A perioperative, or 'OR' nurse, works with patients being prepped for surgery and as a member of the interdisciplinary surgical care team. The perioperative nurse may serve as a scrub nurse, selecting and passing instruments and supplies used for the operation. Or they may serve as a circulating nurse managing the overall nursing care in the OR and helping to maintain a safe, comfortable environment.

PRE-OP

The pre-op nurse is responsible for assessing the patient's physical, psychologic and social states; preparing the patient for surgery including getting permits signed, IVs started, necessary labs, assisting with pain blocks pre-procedure; and implementing nursing interventions with perhaps the most important intervention being patient and family education. The pre-op phase ends when the patient is transported to the operating room and care is transferred to the OR nurse.

PACU (POST-ANESTHESIA CARE UNIT)

A post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) nurse cares for patients who have gone under anesthesia. PACU nurses are highly trained critical care nurses. After a procedure performed with the patient under anesthesia, the patient is transferred to the PACU. Nurses in this area must be able to think critically and quickly. They are responsible for observing and treating patients immediately after surgery and making sure they safely awake from anesthesia. This includes monitoring vital signs and levels of consciousness to make sure the sedation is wearing off properly and the patient's pain is controlled.

ENDOSCOPY

Nurses working in endoscopy have two primary roles: assisting the endoscopist (physician) during procedures; and specialized patient care before, during and after the procedure. The duties of the endoscopy nurse include preparing the patient for the procedure, monitoring the patient, directly assisting the physician during the procedure, and providing after-care and education. Responsibilities may also involve emergency measures during or after the procedure.

SURGICAL SPECIALTIES OFFERED

HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL

Trauma, Ortho, Spine, Neurosurgery, General/Colorectal, Cardiac, Urology, PV, Robotics

HH FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

GYN, Pediatric, General, Ortho, Urology, Plastics, ENT, Ophthalmology, Oral/Maxillary, Pain, Dentistry, GYN Robotics

ORTHOPEDIC & SPINE TOWER

Orthopedics and Spine including Robotics

ENDOSCOPY

Adult and Pediatric

ABOUT US

- More than 36,000 surgeries and 16,000 endoscopy procedures performed each year
- 72 operating rooms, 100-plus pre-op bays, 108 PACU bays, 9 endoscopy suites
- Dedicated Orthopedic & Spine Tower with 24 OR suites specially designed for orthopedic and spinal procedures



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