

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: FAR WEST

DHP Classification: PRIVATELY EMPLOYED SCRUB

Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):

Privately Employed Scrub:

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

Definition of Care of Service:

The Privately Employed Scrub 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

Qualifications

- Licensure/Registration:
 - o Completion of an accredited Certified Surgical Technician (CST) program

OR

- Registered Nurse (RN)
 - Additional experience or training in perioperative nursing

State Requirements:

• N/A



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Experience:

1 year experience as a Privately Employed Scrub

Competencies

The Privately Employed Scrub will demonstrate:

- Provides a safe environment for patients
 - o Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - o 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
 - o 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
 - o Applies sterile attire including scrubbing, gowning and gloving
 - o Uses sterile technique for scrubbing, gowning and gloving of other personnel
 - o Organizes sterile drapes
 - o Receives sterile equipment via circulating nurse using sterile technique
 - o Assists with patient dressing application
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
 - o Coordinates case preparation
 - o Transfers sterile instruments to surgeon accurately
 - o Anticipates surgeon needs
 - o Assists with care of instruments at end of case
 - Demonstrates working knowledge of anatomy and physiology
- Infection Prevention
 - o Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Maintains current immunization for influenza
 - Complies with Isolation precautions

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/

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

DHP Printed Name:	DHP Signature:
Company/Vendor:	Date: