

## STANDARDS

### OR.1 Qualified individual directs the operating room.

- OR.1.1 The operating room is directed by a qualified medical staff (e.g., surgical or anesthesia staff).

### OR.2 Qualified nurse manager supervises nursing services in the operating room.

- OR.2.1 The nurse manager in charge of the operating room is a qualified registered nurse with training, education, and experience in operative care.
- OR.2.2 The nurse manager of the operating room develops and collaborates with other disciplines for developing all required and related policies and procedures.

### OR.3 The nurse manager ensures the competency of the nursing staff.

- OR.3.1 The nursing staff receive ongoing training on the following general and operating room- related needs:
- OR.3.1.1 Use of equipment.
  - OR.3.1.2 Use of defibrillator.
  - OR.3.1.3 Use of pulse oximetry.
  - OR.3.1.4 Infection control.
  - OR.3.1.5 Blood transfusion.
  - OR.3.1.6 Central sterilization policy.
  - OR.3.1.7 Maintenance of a sterile field.
  - OR.3.1.8 Draping and gowning.
  - OR.3.1.9 Surgical table operation and safe positioning of patients.
  - OR.3.1.10 Assistance in operations of their specialty surgical area.
  - OR.3.1.11 Pre and post-procedural handling and disposing of surgical equipment.
  - OR.3.1.12 Safe operation of variable surgical equipment according to specialty.
- OR.3.2 Nursing staff competencies are assessed by using different methods (e.g. written test, return demonstration).

### OR.4 Patients who are admitted for surgery have medical assessment performed and plan of care documented prior to surgery.

- OR.4.1 Prior to surgery, the most responsible physician performs medical assessment and ensures documentation of the following:
- OR.4.1.1 History and physical examination.
  - OR.4.1.2 Pre-operative diagnosis.
  - OR.4.1.3 Diagnostic tests (laboratory, radiology, etc.) as ordered.
  - OR.4.1.4 Signed informed consent.
  - OR.4.1.5 Planned procedure.
- OR.4.2 In emergency situations where a complete medical assessment cannot be documented, a brief note is written by the most responsible physician.

### OR.5 Policies and procedures guide the care of patients in the operating room.

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