

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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