

## What is a SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST?

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Hey guys, welcome back to another Surgical Tech Tips. Today I wanted to, I really wanted to make a video that shines a light on surgical technologists and really brings to light what we do. And I really, really hope that I can capture that in this short little video.

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I hope you enjoy it. What is a surgical technologist? In short, we help out surgeons during surgery, but if you want a more in-depth look into our jobs, keep watching. One of the first and most common misconceptions of the surgical technologist is that they're all nurses, when in fact they're not.

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Some people may refer to them as scrub nurses, but we are not registered nurses. We are certified surgical techs. The training that the surgical technologist goes through is very specified to the operating room and things related to the operating room themselves.

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As a nurse, you're trained in a vast array of clinical areas and it's nowhere very specific. The surgical technologist is specific to the operating room. We are trained in opening and setting up a sterile field in the OR for the procedures at hand.

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We're in charge of maintaining that sterility throughout the entire case and ensuring that there's no breaks in sterile technique for other members at the surgical field. We have a deep understanding of the surgical procedures that we help perform. We are standing hand-in-hand with the surgeon, assisting in surgery, passing instruments, sutures, and any other devices that the surgeon may need throughout a procedure.

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Other times, we may be actually assisting that surgeon with retracting tissue and helping out throughout the procedure. Our jobs in the OR revolve around excellence in patient care, with our association's motto being *agor primo*, which in English means the patient first. When it comes to the operating room, you may have one surgeon fixing you, but it takes a team to see it through from start to finish, and a surgical technologist is an integral member of that team.

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