

# Otay Lakes Surgery Center POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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## ***JOB DESCRIPTION: Level I Perioperative Nurse***

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

The Level I nurse in the Perioperative area is a professional nurse who is directly or indirectly responsible for delivering total nursing care to the perioperative patient during various phases of the perioperative phase. The Level I nurse participates in the clinical assessment, planning for care, implantation of appropriate nursing techniques and evaluation of nursing interventions.

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Director of Clinical Services

JOB CLASSIFICATION: Non-exempt

**OSHA Task Category: I Direct contact with blood or other body fluids to which universal precautions apply. Personal protective equipment is made available and must be worn.**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

1. Graduate of an accredited school of nursing.
2. Current California RN license.
3. Current BCLS and ACLS
5. Full command of the English language, both verbal and written.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** The physical demands described here are representatives of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

1. May be expected to lift up to 50 pounds or up to 150 pounds with assistance.
2. May be expected to push or pull 150-300 pounds with assistance.
3. Work is of medium demand; walking or standing most of the time while on duty.
4. Visual and auditory acuity and manual dexterity essential to performing designated duties required. Optimal auditory acuity required.
5. Manual dexterity involving the handling of equipment and instruments or armamentarium is essential to performing assigned duties.
6. Physical conditions are clean, neat and well-lit.
7. May be subjected to unpleasant sights and odors, stressful situations and hazardous or infectious agents where judgment as to precautions needed to be taken is essential.
8. Climate control and ambient temperature variances may be experienced and required by patient care and needs of the surgical team.
9. Exposure to limited amounts of radiation, hazardous chemicals or substances and infectious disease processes are a possibility.
10. Hours of duty may be irregular or unexpectedly extended due to the requirements of the daily surgical schedule.

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11. Frequently is required to walk.
12. The employee is frequently required to stand or reach with hands and arms

**INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:**

1. Ensures and participates in optimal teamwork within the perioperative area through flexibility and adaptability to changing situations.
2. Exhibits and exercises an awareness of own legal responsibilities in delivering patient care.
3. Must use comprehensive judgment in making decisions related to channeling of communications.
4. Must be adaptable to a broad spectrum of personality characteristics.
5. Functions as a role model and resource person.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Provides patient with safe, therapeutic and quality medical care by utilizing the nursing process and diagnosis in a timely manner, setting appropriate priorities.
2. Evaluates effectiveness of nursing care, revises plan of care if applicable, then continues, with other tasks.
3. Maintains efficient functioning of equipment in assigned area.
4. Completes patient charting accurately and concisely.
5. Assists anesthesiologist before, during, and after induction of anesthesia.
6. Assists physician in performance of procedures through implementation of the perioperative process.
7. Monitors sterile and aseptic techniques in all areas of the perioperative process.
8. Communicates appropriate information to all team members concerning patient care throughout the perioperative stay.
9. Safely carries out physician's orders; accurately and promptly, documenting all activities.
10. Provides necessary material, supplies, and equipment in good working order for the completion of quality patient care during the perioperative stay.
11. Keeps nurse in charge apprised of unusual occurrences, room activity, personnel performance/behavior, physician interaction, and patient condition and equipment problems.
12. Recognizes and responds appropriately to crisis situations, during the perioperative phase, seeking assistance as needed.
13. Participates in quality improvement monitoring.
14. Complies with cost containment practices.
15. Attends and participates in inservice programs, and staff meetings.
16. Observes all safety precautions, and complies with all health and safety rules and procedures of the facility.
17. Maintains and updates patient and physician statistical data relating to the perioperative process.
18. Performs other duties as assigned.

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