



# *Provincial Job Description*

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**TITLE:**  
**(311) OR Equipment Resource  
Technician**

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***FOR FACILITY USE:***

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***SUMMARY OF DUTIES:***

Sources and orders equipment/instruments to meet the requirements of the Operating Rooms. Ensures appropriate equipment is available as per daily Operating Room slates. Provides nursing care during the pre-operative, operative and post-operative periods.

***QUALIFICATIONS:***

- ◆ **Practical Nursing diploma plus Perioperative Nursing/Licensed Practical Nurse - Advanced certificate**
  - ◆ **Licensed with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Saskatchewan with Perioperative Care Specialty Endorsement**

***KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:***

- ◆ **Basic computer skills**
- ◆ **Interpersonal skills**
- ◆ **Organizational skills**
- ◆ **Communication skills**
- ◆ **Ability to work independently and as a member of a multi-disciplinary team**

## ***EXPERIENCE:***

- ◆ **Previous: Thirty (30) months previous experience working as an Operating Room Technician/LPN.**

## ***KEY ACTIVITIES:***

### **A. Maintaining Operating Room Supplies**

- ◆ Coordinates stocking of Operating Room Sterile Supply case carts.
- ◆ Ensures consignment items are replaced/tracked.
- ◆ Ensures appropriate inventory and records orders for Operating Rooms (e.g., ordering screws, plates, drill bits).
- ◆ Troubleshoots and monitors equipment/instruments for damage.
- ◆ Arranges for repair or replacement of equipment/instruments.

### **B. Preparation for Surgical Procedures**

- ◆ Checks Operating Room slate to ensure required equipment is available.
- ◆ Advises appropriate staff of conflicting equipment needs.
- ◆ Arranges borrowing/lending of equipment between facilities.
- ◆ Communicates with surgeons and keeps records regarding special equipment and instrument requirements, patient-specific instrumentation and prostheses.
- ◆ Orders instrumentation/equipment from out-of-province sources, on short notice.
- ◆ Assembles new instrument sets.
- ◆ Troubleshoots and finds solutions to Operating Room problems (e.g., equipment problems, changes during surgical procedure, shortage of instruments).
- ◆ Liaises with OR Scheduling and Materials Management departments to ensure applicable equipment/instruments are available for the Operating Rooms.
- ◆ Ensuring equipment lists are submitted to surgical billing.

### **C. Researching Equipment / Instruments**

- ◆ Researches and prices new products/equipment.
- ◆ Liaises with staff, surgeons and sales representatives to keep abreast of new products/equipment/ instrument sets.
- ◆ Assists in application for Capital Budget Funding.
- ◆ Participates in various committees related to equipment/instruments.

#### **D. Education**

- ◆ Assists with in-service training programs regarding new equipment/procedures and new products.
- ◆ Assists with developing new equipment procedures.
- ◆ Assists with maintenance of procedure manuals.
- ◆ Functions as an information resource for case/supply carts regarding items needed for surgeries and surgeon preferences.

#### **E. Scrub Role**

- ◆ Carries out appropriate scrub procedures.
- ◆ Prepares the room, supplies, instrumentation/equipment and medications for the specific operative procedure.
- ◆ Maintains sterile technique/field when preparing for and during the operative procedure.
- ◆ Ensures and organizes surgeon's instruments, supplies and medications.
- ◆ Ensures case cart is complete and in functioning condition.
- ◆ Carries out safety checks (e.g., patient consent/identification, allergies, site of surgery).
- ◆ Prepares patient for surgery (e.g., drapes).
- ◆ Ensures accurate counts of equipment (e.g., instruments, sponges, sharps) prior to, during and after surgery.
- ◆ Communicates adverse events during surgery and takes appropriate action(s).
- ◆ Assists with surgery and anticipates the needs of the surgeon (e.g., holds retractors, cuts sutures, cauterizes, irrigates, applies dressings, secures drain sites).
- ◆ Observes and monitors patient condition throughout surgery.

#### **F. Circulating / Anesthetic Role**

- ◆ Prepares the room, supplies, instrumentation/equipment and medications for the specific operative procedure.
- ◆ Notifies/coordinates any personnel/equipment that may be required for case (e.g., assistants, x-ray).
- ◆ Receives, transports, checks and prepares/positions patients for surgical procedures.
- ◆ Carries out safety checks and communicates information to appropriate personnel (e.g., patient consent/identification, allergies, site of surgery).
- ◆ Opens sterile bundles for the scrub nurse.
- ◆ Sets up/connects accessory equipment to the patient (e.g., tourniquet, cautery and irrigation, blood pressure cuff, monitor leads).
- ◆ Obtains medications for surgical staff and ensures accurate accounting (e.g., narcotics).
- ◆ Documents specimens, counts of equipment (e.g., instruments, sponges, sharps) and medications used to operative site.
- ◆ Documents and charts operative cases

**F. Circulating / Anesthetic Role (cont'd)**

- ◆ Observes, monitors and documents patient condition throughout surgery.
- ◆ Initiates, administers and maintains and documents intravenous therapy (e.g., flow rate, site integrity).
- ◆ Provides supplies and assists the Anesthetist with procedures (e.g., Central Venous/arterial lines, epidural, spinal).
- ◆ Processes specimens (e.g., labeling, type of test).
- ◆ Ensures accurate counts of equipment (e.g., instruments, sponges, sharps) prior to, during and after surgery.
- ◆ Communicates adverse events during surgery and takes appropriate action(s).
- ◆ Responds to the need for additional supplies and equipment (e.g., blood and blood products, plates, screws, lenses).
- ◆ Assists with complicated dressings (e.g., Vac dressings, diabetic ulcer dressings).
- ◆ Ensures sterile technique/field during the operative procedure.

**G. Related Key Work Activities**

- ◆ Troubleshoots equipment/instruments that malfunction and/or seek appropriate assistance.
- ◆ Ensures coordination of surgical list and surgical procedure.
- ◆ Dismantles and cleans equipment and theatres between cases.
- ◆ Disposes of biohazardous waste, as per department procedures and policies.
- ◆ May provide patient post-operative care and teaching.
- ◆ May show others how to perform tasks or duties by familiarizing new employees with the work area and processes.
- ◆ Ensures that new equipment is properly tagged and tracked.

*The above statements reflect the general details considered necessary to describe the principal functions of the job and shall not be construed as a detailed description of all related work assignments that may be inherent to the job.*

**Validating Signatures:**

**CUPE:**

**SEIU:**

**SGEU:**

**SAHO:**

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