

 Oroville Hospital	Job Description for Central Sterile Technician		Department:	Surgery
			Dept.#:	7420
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Reports To

Nurse Manager

Job Summary

Render contaminated articles safe for handling and reprocessing. To prevent contamination of wounds through well defined pre-use and pre-operative treatment of instruments and other articles so as to render them sterile.

Duties

1. Remains current in decontamination sterilization, packaging, and distribution of instrumentation and supplies
2. Operate the following equipment:
 - a. Ultrasonic washer/dryer
 - b. Water distiller
 - c. Washer/decontamination unit
 - d. Steam sterilizers: Hi-vac and gravity
 - e. Ethylene Oxide Sterilizer
 - f. Instrument marker
 - g. Steris
3. Monitor efficiency of sterilizer and log
 - a. Perform biological testing
4. Knowledge of and performance in cold sterilization
5. Identification of surgical instrumentation by proper name and appropriate sterilization method
6. Preparation of surgical goods and instrumentation for sterilization
7. Maintains appropriate rotation of sterile supplies
8. Appropriately identify each sterilizer load and maintain record of each
9. Maintain a high standard of cleanliness in the department
10. Practice safe handling of patient care items that have been exposed to blood and/or body fluid
11. Report broken or malfunctioning equipment to Lead Central Sterile Technician
12. Assist with transporting surgery patients

13. Observe safe working habits
14. Participate in in-service education and department meetings
15. Abide by hospital policies and procedures
16. Maintain patient confidentiality
17. Perform other duties as assigned

Qualifications

1. High School diploma or equivalent
2. Ability to follow verbal and/or written instructions
3. Must be able to lift, stand and stoop without physical restriction
4. Conscientious in detail and grooming
5. Knowledge of cleaning, disinfection and sterilization techniques
6. Ability to communicate effectively and pleasantly

Lifting Requirements

Very Heavy- is considered generally lifting objects in excess of 100 lbs. with frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects weighing 50 lbs or more.