Oroville Hospital	Job Description for	Department:	Ambulatory Care Services
	Endoscopic	Dept.#:	7760
	Procedural	Last Reviewed:	04/00/12
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<u>Reports To</u>

Nurse Manager, Ambulatory Care Services

Job Summary

To provide the Endoscopic Physician with an assistant to promote optimal patient outcome with diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

Patients Served

This position is responsible for the following age groups of patients: adolescent, adult and geriatric.

Duties

- Provides safe nursing care to all patients of all ages
- Assist with admissions, including information gathering, vital signs, starting IV's of Ambulatory Care Patients
- Thorough explanation of procedure, maintaining a professional atmosphere to reduce pre-procedure anxiety
- Verification of surgical or procedural consent and drug allergies prior to pre-operative medication being administered
- Under the direction of the Endoscopist Physician, assists during diagnostic and therapeutic procedures to provide optimal patient outcomes
- Recognize risk factors and complications related to Endoscopic procedures through knowledge of physical assessment
- Able to trouble shoot and resolve endoscopy equipment problems, pre, mid & post procedures
- Assist with observation of patient during and post procedure
- Cleaning and restocking of Endoscopy carts
- Knowledge of where all equipment and supplies are located in the department
- Efficient and orderly set up of and assistance with endoscopic procedures
- Responsible for transport of pathology specimens to laboratory
- Responsible for the cleaning, reprocessing of endoscopes and re-usable accessories

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- Endoscopic Procedural Technician must be able to set up and assist with the following procedures:
 - Bronchoscopies, with or without Biopsies, Trans-Bronchial Needle
 - Aspirations, Bronchial Alveolar Lavage, Brushings and Lavage
 - Colonoscopy with or without Biopsies, Polypectomies
 - Gastroscopy with or without Biopsies, Polypectomies
 - Endoscopic Ultrasound
- Knowledge and use of all physician used endoscopic emergency equipment to include but not limited to Variceal Banding, Electrocutery, Thermal Probes, Injectors, Clipping Devices
- Assist whenever possible in Same Day Surgery
- Responsible for keeping equipment in excellent working condition
- Participate in unit meetings and educational activities in order to develop skills and grow in awareness
- Constant updating of skills by attending in-service classes
- Performs other duties as assigned

Qualifications

Education & Licensure

- Licensed vocational nurse
- Graduate of an accredited school of nursing and currently licensed in California
- Endoscopy certification preferred
- I.V. certification
- Current BLS Certification

Knowledge/Experience:

• Prior Endoscopy experience preferred

Additional Qualifications:

- Excellent patient care skills—must be able to access patient's needs and use good judgment for requesting medical attention.
- Must have good communication skills.
- Must be self-motivated with the ability to assess different situations and implement suggestions or changes as needed

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• Ability to maintain sensitivity and objectivity to patients, family and significant others of all ages

Work Environment

Work area is well lighted and ventilated. Regularly exposed to the risks of blood borne and airborne diseases. Contact with patients in a wide variety of circumstances. Exposed to noise, chemicals, communicable diseases, and hazardous materials. Wears personal protective equipment as required.

Dress Code

Complies with hospital and departmental dress code. Wears name badge with job title and credentials clearly visible.