

Attachment 2 - Surgical Services/Operating Room - Observers Protocol

- PURPOSE:** To provide an optimal aseptic environment for safe patient care while enhancing the observer's clinical learning experience.
- SCOPE:** Observers in the Operating Room are medical students, nursing students, allied health students and hospital nursing staff that have requested permission and met the criteria as stated to observe their patient during surgical intervention.
- CRITERIA:** Prior to observing in the surgical suite, medical students, nursing students, allied health students and hospital nursing staff are required to attend OR protocol orientation.
- Surgical Services' educators will provide orientation prior to the scheduled observation.
- Medical students, nursing students and allied health students will be scheduled in groups by the OR Instructor.
- With the exception of medical students, observers will be restricted to one observer per patient.
- Unauthorized observers will not be permitted in the semi-restricted or restricted areas.

OR Observers Orientation Outline

- Infection Control
 - Health status
 - Proper OR attire
 - Restricted and non-restricted areas
 - Identification of sterile and non-sterile areas

- Observers Responsibilities
 - Proper identification
 - Reporting to the OR desk
 - Reporting to circulating nurse
 - Checking OR attire and application of face mask before entering an OR
 - Emergency situations
 - Patient confidentiality
 - Observation protocol
 - *Surgeons permission (exception made for student nurses)
 - *Scheduling observation with OR Instructor
 - Restricted to assigned patient
 - Remain outside of the sterile field