

WHAT IS AN OPERATING THEATRE TECHNICIAN?

An Operating Theatre Technician provides technical services in the operating theatre and support patients in the recovery room.

ROLES OF A OPERATING THEATRE TECHNICIAN

- Maintain responsibility for the transportation of patients to and from the theatre and wards
- Assist staff with the movement of patients within the Operating Theatre
- Assist with patient procedures as required
- Maintain procedure room/operating theatre equipment so as to ensure a clean, safe and efficient environment for patients and staff
- Ensure operating room table is wiped down, floor cleaned, linen and rubbish removed at conclusion of each procedure
- Assist in the preparation of patient prior to surgery, e.g. pre-operative shave, patient positioning.
- Ensure that patient is positioned securely and safely on the operating table prior to surgery and on the patient trolley at the completion of surgery
- Provide assistance to medical and nursing staff
- Promote patient safety at all times
- Assist in other areas within the theatre complex as workload permits
- Maintain good verbal communications with other staff in the theatre complex
- Maintain patient confidentiality at all times
- Be familiar with the correct operation of all equipment
- Collect and return all necessary equipment for the procedure and patient safety
- Report malfunctioning equipment to the nurse in charge
- Follow the hospital's Health and Safety policies and procedures
- Be aware of the OH&S guidelines for the safe transport of beds and patients throughout the hospital

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- Certificate III in Health Services Assistance

SUPERVISION PROVIDED

A comprehensive orientation program is provided for all new staff members with ongoing support.

PERSONAL SKILL REQUIRED OF AN OPERATING THEATRE TECHNICIAN

- Careful and analytical approach to work.
- Sympathetic, supportive and professional approach to patients.
- Able to prioritise.
- Able to learn independently.
- Able to work as part of a team.

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FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Audiometrist
- Biomedical Engineer
- Health Technician Manager
- Laboratory Manager
- Medical Imaging Technologist
- Medical Scientist
- Nuclear Medicine Technologist
- Radiation Therapist

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