

Clara Strickland

Physician Assistant - Surgical Services

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STRENGTHS

- Adaptability**
Embraced flexibility in dynamic surgical environments, responding positively to challenges and changes in procedures.
- Team Collaboration**
Facilitated open communication among healthcare staff, fostering a team-oriented environment enhancing patient care.
- Patient Education**
Developed engaging educational materials that resonated with patients, resulting in increased understanding of their care plans.
- Quality Assurance Focus**
Led initiatives that improved operational workflows and reduced non-compliance risks within surgical settings.
- Operational Assessment Skills**
Identified opportunities for both revenue enhancement and expense reduction, optimizing the delivery of surgical services.

SKILLS

- Surgical Assistance
- Patient Care
- Documentation
- Quality Assurance
- Patient Education
- Team Collaboration
- Post-operative Care
- Clinical Assessment
- Utilization Management
- Communication Skills
- Regulatory Compliance
- Patient Satisfaction Surveys
- Workflow Optimization
- Emergency Preparedness

SUMMARY

Enthusiastic and compassionate Physician Assistant dedicated to delivering top-notch surgical assistance. Over two years of clinical expertise fosters strong patient relationships and teamwork in the operating room. Successfully collaborated with surgeons to prepare patients, manage procedures, and ensure safety throughout. Developed effective patient education materials, enhancing satisfaction and care outcomes. Engaged in quality assurance programs that strengthened operational efficiency. Passionate about continuing education, consistently participating in initiatives to stay abreast of best practices. Eager to contribute skills and experience to elevate surgical services at a forward-thinking medical facility.

EXPERIENCE

Physician Assistant

Cypress Medical Center 📅 June 2025 – Present 📍 Columbia, SC

Performing both pre-operative and post-operative care; ensuring comprehensive assistance during surgical procedures and good patient management.

- Assisted lead surgeon in various procedures, preparing patients and instruments for operations to ensure smooth workflow.
- Conducted thorough post-operative assessments, facilitating safe recovery and timely intervention when required.
- Maintained accurate documentation and billing records, guaranteeing compliance with established healthcare regulations.
- Collaborated effectively with multidisciplinary teams, addressing issues related to patient care before and after surgery.
- Implemented new patient education surveys aimed at improving service delivery and gauging patient satisfaction.
- Engaged regularly in quality assurance initiatives, leading to improved efficiency in surgical operations.

Surgical Physician Assistant

Green Valley Hospital 📅 January 2025 – May 2025 📍 Columbia, SC

Supported surgeons through hands-on procedural assistance reported good outcomes in management of post-operative care.

- Assisted with multiple complex surgeries, demonstrating skill in closing incisions and handling post-operative protocols.
- Played an active role in developing and refining utilization management processes to enhance resource allocation.
- Conducted assessments identifying areas for cost reduction and revenue growth within surgical departments.
- Crafted and disseminated patient satisfaction surveys, analyzing results for future enhancements in practice.
- Worked closely with surgical teams to maintain a cohesive approach toward comprehensive patient management.
- Regularly participated in workshops emphasizing advancements in surgical techniques and patient care best practices.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, University of South Carolina, 2023-2025
- Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Practice, 2025

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies

University of South Carolina 🎓 GPA: 3.8 📅 2025 📍 Columbia, SC

Coursework: Clinical Medicine, Pharmacology, Anatomy, Healthcare Ethics

Wound Management

Health Promotion

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

MY CAREER



● Physician Assistant at Cypress Medical Center (1.1 Years)

● Surgical Physician Assistant at Green Valley Hospital (4 Months)

CERTIFICATIONS

- NCCPA Certification 📅 2025
- BLS Certification 📅 2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Surgical Instruments:** Scalpel, Forceps, Hemostats
- **Medical Software:** EPIC, Cerner, Allscripts
- **Patient Care Systems:** EMR, EHR, Telemedicine
- **Compliance Standards:** HIPAA, OSHA, The Joint Commission
- **Assessment Tools:** Physical Exam, Lab Tests, Imaging Studies
- **Education Methods:** Brochures, Workshops, One-on-One Training
- **Quality Improvement Processes:** Root Cause Analysis, PDCA, Lean Six Sigma
- **Patient Safety Protocols:** Checklists, Standard Operating Procedures, Reporting Systems
- **Surgical Techniques:** Laparoscopic, Thoracoscopic, Robotic Surgery
- **Budgeting Practices:** Operational Budgets, Financial Planning, Expense Management

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, South Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants
- Volunteer, Local Health Fair, providing free health screenings and education to the community

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST