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Registered Nurse, Operating Room

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STRENGTHS

- ♥ **Patient advocacy**
During time sensitive procedures, clarified patient concerns and safeguarded respectful communication across every handoff.
- 👥 **Surgical coordination**
When rooms changed quickly, aligned supplies, teams, and schedules so patients moved safely through care.
- 👂 **Clinical judgment**
Focused assessments helped surface changes early, giving surgeons and anesthesia professionals timely information for decisions.
- 🎓 **Preceptor support**
New nurses received practical guidance on room setup and advocacy, then gained confidence with independent assignments.
- ♥ **Safety improvement**
A clearer handoff process brought medications, implants, specimens, and follow up concerns into one consistent conversation.

SKILLS

Operating room nursing

Ambulatory surgery

Ophthalmic surgery

Multi specialty surgery

Nursing process

Perioperative assessment

Care planning

Circulating nurse practice

Patient centered care

Clinical supervision Sterile practice

Infection prevention

SUMMARY

Registered Nurse with eight years of progressive perioperative experience across ambulatory and hospital surgical environments. Provides patient centered direct and **indirect care** across ophthalmology, orthopedics, ENT, vascular, gynecology, and general surgery. Applies nursing assessment, care planning, intervention, evaluation, sterile practice, infection prevention, medication safety, surgical counts, specimen handling, and safe handoffs throughout each procedure. Coordinates respectfully with patients, families, surgeons, **anesthesia professionals**, nurses, surgical technologists, and recovery teams. Current North Carolina **registered nurse** license, BSN, BLS certification, and CNOR credential support safe practice within regulatory, accreditation, and professional standards. Experience includes room readiness, **clinical supervision**, staff precepting, committee participation, quality review, education, and evidence informed practice improvements that strengthen patient safety and surgical flow.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Operating Room Registered Nurse

Piedmont Day Surgery Partners 📅 July 2023 - Present 📍 Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Leads **perioperative nursing** across a six room ambulatory center supporting ophthalmology, orthopedics, ENT, and general surgery. Guides room readiness, patient flow, clinical escalation, staff development, and practice improvement while preserving safe, respectful care.

- Coordinated six room ambulatory flow for ophthalmology, orthopedics, ENT, and general surgery cases.
- Performed preoperative assessments, verified care plans, and escalated clinical concerns with **surgeons** and **anesthesia professionals**.
- Circulated ophthalmic cases using **sterile practice**, medication checks, specimen processes, and **intraoperative documentation**.
- Supervised delegated nursing activities while retaining accountability for assessment, evaluation, and escalation decisions.
- Standardized end of case handoffs covering medications, implants, specimens, and follow up concerns.
- Precepted nurses and served on the perioperative practice committee, reinforcing accreditation and regulatory expectations.

Operating Room Registered Nurse II

Triad Surgical Hospital 📅 May 2021 - June 2023 📍 Greensboro, North Carolina

Delivered circulating **nursing care** across multiple surgical specialties in a hospital **operating room**. Supported clinical assessment, surgical safety, interdisciplinary coordination, quality review, and onboarding while adapting care plans for procedure complexity and patient risk.

- Delivered circulating care for ophthalmology, vascular, gynecology, orthopedics, and general surgery procedures.
- Completed perioperative assessments and evaluated patient responses, escalating changes through established clinical pathways.
- Resolved equipment, positioning, documentation, and workflow issues with anesthesia and surgical teams.
- Maintained records, counts, time outs, specimen handling, and **infection prevention** within **accreditation standards**.
- Refined a preprocedure checklist through **quality review** observations focused on surgical readiness and **safe transitions**.
- Guided newly hired nurses on room setup, patient advocacy, documentation, and high volume communication.

Operating Room Registered Nurse

Carolina Community Medical Center 📅 June 2019 - April 2021 📍 High Point, North Carolina

Surgical safety

Regulatory compliance

Interdisciplinary coordination

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

MY CAREER



● Senior Operating Room Registered Nurse at Piedmont Day Surgery Partners (3.2 Years)

● Operating Room Registered Nurse II at Triad Surgical Hospital (2.1 Years)

● Operating Room Registered Nurse at Carolina Community Medical Center (1.8 Years)

● Clinical Nurse, Surgical Services at Blue Ridge Medical Center (11 Months)

Managed direct **perioperative nursing** for scheduled and urgent procedures across general, orthopedic, gynecologic, and ENT services. Protected patient safety through assessment, room preparation, interdisciplinary communication, compliance, education, and emergency readiness.

- Established patient priorities from assessment findings and planned interventions during scheduled and urgent procedures.
- Circulated general, orthopedic, gynecologic, and ENT cases while protecting identification and positioning safeguards.
- Prepared operating rooms by confirming equipment, supplies, implants, and documentation with interdisciplinary teams.
- Communicated procedure updates and transition information with **patients, families**, anesthesia staff, surgeons, and recovery nurses.
- Applied local, state, federal, and facility requirements to documentation and daily perioperative practice.
- Participated in **emergency response** simulations and **education** sessions focused on uncommon high risk events.

Clinical Nurse, Surgical Services

Blue Ridge Medical Center 📅 June 2018 - May 2019 📍 Asheville, North Carolina

Completed structured surgical services orientation and progressed from supervised assignments to independent circulating for routine procedures. Built a safe perioperative foundation through assessment, documentation, positioning, infection prevention, structured communication, education, and competency validation.

- Progressed from supervised assignments to independent circulating for routine **operating room** procedures.
- Conducted patient assessments, reviewed care plans, and documented interventions within established workflows.
- Supported positioning, skin preparation, **surgical counts**, specimen transfer, and **infection prevention** processes.
- Used structured communication during **time outs** and handoffs to clarify patient and recovery information.
- Completed **BLS** drills, clinical education, and competency validation for perioperative emergencies and core procedures.
- Earned independent circulating assignments after completing preceptor reviewed surgical services competencies.

PROJECTS

Perioperative Handoff Standardization 📅 2024

Created standardized end of case prompts for medications, implants, specimens, and follow up concerns. Work improved continuity between operating room, preoperative, and recovery nurses.

Surgical Readiness Checklist Review 📅 2022

Contributed clinical observations to a quality review that refined preprocedure readiness checks and supported safer transitions across hospital surgical services.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- CNOR credential earned through Competency and Credentialing Institute in 2024.
- Recognized as a clinical preceptor for nurses transitioning into ambulatory operating room practice.
- Selected for perioperative practice committee participation focused on safety and accreditation readiness.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

Western Carolina University 🎓 GPA: 0 📅 2018 📍 Cullowhee, North Carolina

Coursework: *Perioperative nursing, patient assessment, nursing care planning, clinical pharmacology*

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse, North Carolina Active License 📅 2026
- Basic Life Support, American Heart Association 📅 2026
- Certified Nurse Operating Room, Competency and Credentialing Institute 📅 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Perioperative Nursing:** Patient assessment, care planning, nursing process
- **Operating Room Practice:** Circulating nursing, room readiness, surgical workflow
- **Ophthalmic Surgery:** Eye procedures, ophthalmic cases, ambulatory surgery
- **Surgical Safety:** Time outs, surgical counts, patient identification
- **Infection Prevention:** Sterile practice, skin preparation, infection control
- **Clinical Documentation:** Intraoperative records, nursing documentation, handoffs
- **Specimen Management:** Specimen handling, transfer processes, documentation
- **Medication Safety:** Medication checks, safety verification, clinical escalation
- **Life Support:** BLS, emergency response, competency validation
- **Quality Practice:** Quality review, evidence informed practice, checklists
- **Team Coordination:** Surgeons, anesthesia professionals, surgical technologists
- **Professional Standards:** Regulatory requirements, accreditation standards, nursing expectations

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Perioperative practice committee contributor, supporting shared clinical decisions and safer operating room workflows.
- American Heart Association clinical education participant, maintaining life support readiness through recurring practice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST