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SUMMARY

Dedicated Surgical Technologist with over two years of experience in high-pressure surgical settings. Expertise in maintaining sterile environments and handling surgical instruments, ensuring the utmost patient care while assisting surgeons during intricate procedures. Excited to embrace a travel role that allows for adaptability across various HealthFirst facilities. Significant focus on continuous learning and implementing best practices in surgical technology. Committed to fostering collaboration within surgical teams to achieve outstanding patient outcomes and enhance operational efficiency. Looking forward to contributing positively and representing HealthFirst's values.

EXPERIENCE

Surgical Technologist

June 2024 - Present

City Hospital

New York, NY

As a Surgical Technologist at City Hospital, engaged actively in the surgical process across diverse specialties. Leveraged strong adaptability by transitioning smoothly between varied surgical teams, facilitating enhanced patient satisfaction and procedural efficiency.

- Prepared and maintained surgical instruments for diverse procedures, significantly enhancing compliance with safety standards.
- Assisted in numerous surgeries including orthopedics and general surgery, improving team dynamics and operational workflows.
- Documented detailed procedure records, leading to better inventory management and minimal instrument waste.
- Collaborated closely with healthcare professionals to ensure optimized patient outcomes, establishing supportive relationships with team members.
- Engaged in regular training initiatives, promoting innovation and comprehensive understanding of new surgical technologies.
- Promoted positive patient interactions through compassionate care, achieving recognition from peers for outstanding service.

Surgical Technology Intern

January 2023 - May 2024

Metro Surgical Center

New York, NY

Gained firsthand experience as a Surgical Technology Intern, immersing into preparations for a variety of surgical procedures. Developed foundational skills in maintaining sterile environments while effectively supporting lead technologists in daily operations.

- Assisted in preparing operating rooms, consistently ensuring flawless setup for surgical procedures.
- Supported senior surgical personnel by presenting instruments efficiently, increasing accuracy and speed in higher-stress situations.
- Provided attentive patient support, which elevated comfort levels pre-and post-surgery, enriching overall patient care experiences.
- Upheld rigorous cleanliness and organizational protocols, fully aligned with infection control requirements.
- Aided in thorough documentation of procedural data, assisting in accountability and reporting accuracy.
- Mentored incoming interns about established best practices and safe environment approaches.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Certified Surgical Technologist (CST), 2025
- Basic Life Support (BLS), 2025

EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

2024

Brooklyn Community College GPA: 3.7

Brooklyn, NY

Coursework: Anatomy, Surgical Procedures, Patient Care, Sterile Techniques

CERTIFICATIONS

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Surgical Instruments:** Scissors, Forceps, Electrocautery
- **Sterilization Equipment:** Autoclaves, Chemical Sterilants, UV Disinfectants
- **Patient Monitoring Systems:** Pulse Oximeters, Vital Sign Monitors, ECG Machines
- **Infection Control Protocols:** Hand Hygiene, Personal Protective Equipment, Disposal Procedures

- **Documentation Tools:** EMR systems, Procedure Logs, Supply Management Software
- **Surgical Techniques:** Laparoscopy, Open Surgery, Endoscopic Procedures
- **Patient Safety Standards:** Time Outs, Verification Processes, Checklists
- **Multi-disciplinary Coordination:** Surgeons, Nurses, Anesthetists
- **Operational Efficiency Practices:** Workflow Mapping, Resource Allocation, Time Management
- **Education & Training:** Safety Programs, Workshops, Certification Courses

SKILLS

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| • Surgical Instrumentation | • Team Collaboration | • Emergency Response | • Interdisciplinary Communication |
| • Sterile Techniques | • Adaptability | • Patient Advocacy | • Training & Mentorship |
| • Patient Care | • Procedural Documentation | • Infection Control | • Continuing Education |
| • Record Keeping | • Safety Protocols | • Operating Room Standards | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Active Member of the Association of Surgical Technologists
- Volunteer, Local Health Fair Providing Surgical Screens

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Proficient)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST