ANESTHESIA TECHNICIAN I

Definition

Under supervision, to assist in the care, preparation, and handling of supplies and equipment used in administering anesthesia; to assist anesthesia personnel during the administration of anesthesia; to clean and store anesthesia equipment; to order and stock necessary medication and supplies; and to do related work as required.

Typical Tasks

Checks anesthesia equipment and monitors to ensure proper working condition; checks operating room to ensure that all equipment necessary to a given case is available and ready for use; stands by during induction of anesthesia to hand equipment to anesthetist or to provide other assistance as necessary; obtains extra equipment or monitors during a case; cleans up after a case; checks and updates inventory of anesthesia workroom stocks; orders weekly anesthesia supplies from central supply and medications from pharmacy; orders specific items, as instructed, from suppliers; dependent upon area of practice or department assignments, demonstrates clinical knowledge and skill in the care of the newborn, infant, toddler, child, adolescent, adult and geriatric patient ranging up to 100+ years of age.

Employment Standards

Graduation from a Surgical Technician School OR any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides a knowledge of operating room procedure and sterile techniques.

Possession and maintenance of a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (BLS) card. Appointees not possessing the BLS card must successfully complete appropriate training and qualify for the BLS card within 60 days of employment.

Knowledge of operating room procedures; knowledge of sterile techniques; ability to follow oral and written instructions; ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with anesthesia personnel.

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