Welcome to Surgical Services

RN Orientation
General Orientation to the OR

- The OR Educator, Charge RN, or Assistant Manager will meet with you to help facilitate your observation.
- It is always a good idea to eat breakfast and use the restroom before the surgical day begins.
- There are no cell phones permitted in the OR.
Confidentiality

- HIPAA (Health Information Portability & Accountability Act)
- PHI (Protected Health Information) – Any identifiable health information held or disclosed to Health First in any form whether communicated electronically, on paper, or orally
Standard Precautions

- Defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- The minimum infection prevention practices that apply to all patient care, regardless of the patient’s suspected or confirmed infection status, in any setting where health care is delivered
- Designed to both protect healthcare providers (HCPs) and prevent HCPs from spreading infections among patients
Operating Room Attire: Clothing

- Clothing worn under scrubs should not be visible
- Wear clean, laundered scrubs, and shoe covers or designated shoes
- If your scrubs become soiled, change into hospital scrubs at the first opportunity
- Soiled scrubs should not be worn out of the OR or in subsequent cases
- Shoe covers may not be worn out of the OR
Operating Room Attire: Jewelry and Fingernails

- Remove all jewelry
- Fingernails should be short
- Remove any chipped or peeling nail polish and/or artificial nails
Operating Room Attire: Confinement of Hair

- No exposed hair
- Disposable blue bouffant cap or freshly laundered surgical cap
- Blue cap with hood for beard coverage
- Head cover should remain on until leaving the department at the end of the day.
Operating Room Attire: Masks

- Masks must cover both the mouth and nose
  - Masks are not to be worn around your neck
  - Top ties at the crown of head
  - Bottom ties at the base of head
  - Tie securely with no open gaps
- Change mask between cases
- Do not wear masks outside of the OR area
Operating Room Attire: Protective Eyewear

- OSHA requirement
- Face shield and glasses-style available in OR
- Regular eyewear must provide side shield protection
- Know locations of eye wash stations
Infection Prevention

- **OR Traffic Zones**
  - **Restricted: OR**
    - Proper OR attire and mask required
  - **Semi-restricted: OR hallways**
    - Proper OR attire required
  - **Unrestricted: OR front desk, lounge and locker room**
    - Non-OR attire allowed in these areas
Hand Hygiene

- All hands should be washed before entering surgical suite
- Wash hands thoroughly after each surgical case
Surgical Conscience

Personal integrity is:

- The willingness to be liable for one’s own actions in providing surgical care to a patient
- Not hesitating to admit a break in aseptic technique when it occurs to prevent the potential for an untoward patient outcome, such as the development of a surgical site infection
Fire Safety

- Never hesitate to activate the alarm for smoke or even a small fire
- Contact the Health First Operator/Call Center (CBX) by dialing “88” and tell them:
  - A Code Red needs to be announced
  - Your name and extension number
  - Exact location of smoke or fire
  - The extent or nature of the type of fire
- Call 9.911 and tell them:
  - Your name
  - Exact location of smoke or fire including the name and address of the facility
  - The extent or nature of the type of fire
- Do not hang up until you are told to do so by the 911 Operator (see Health First Policy EC 3.2)
Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

- Safety Data Sheets
  - 1.800.451.8346
- Information needed before calling:
  - Product name
  - Product strength
  - Product manufacturer
  - Any identifying series of numbers or letters
  - Closest fax machine phone # or email address
Emergency Carts

- Adult crash cart
- Pediatric crash cart
- Malignant hyperthermia cart
The OR Environment

- Your assigned nurse will tell you where to stand.
- A distance of 36 inches is required from all draped areas.
- Tell someone IMMEDIATELY if you accidently touch something.
- Unreported contamination of the sterile field may result in a potential risk for a surgical wound infection.
The Surgical Safety Checklist

- A patient safety requirement
- Usually initiated by the circulating RN
- Everyone in the room must stop, listen, and acknowledge the checklist information shared among team members prior to incision
Communication in the OR

- Be discreet with comments made within hearing distance of an alert patient.
- Be aware of anesthesia and noise levels during induction and emergence.
- Patients receiving MAC anesthesia can hear and remember.
Exposure or Illness

- If you incur any exposure to blood or body fluids by a blade, needle, or splash, immediately report it to your assigned nurse so the appropriate protocol can be followed.

- To protect patients from outside pathogens, colds or infections must be reported, and admission to OR will be denied.
Questions?

- Call one of our Clinical Nurse Educators
  - Beth Talbert  Clinical Nurse Educator 321.434.1415
  - Karen Brennan Clinical Education Specialist throughout IDN for Surgical Services 321.434.3484
- Call the OR front desk
- Cape Canaveral Hospital: 799.7159
- Holmes Regional Medical Center: 434.7106
- Palm Bay Hospital: 434.8022
- Viera Hospital: 434.9390