

# Surgical Technician Job Description

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## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Monitor patients' vital signs and observe their status
- Assist in cutting sutures, and keep track of items like sponges and needles; operate lights used during surgical procedures
- Assist in dressing patients' wounds
- Clean the OR after a surgical procedure in preparation for the next surgery
- Prepare and dispose lab specimens after use
- Prepare and secure all supplies required for surgical intervention
- Prepare and maintain sterile field in OR
- Carryout instrument counts before the commencement of each surgical procedure
- Assist in monitoring patients during surgical procedures
- Provide supportive pre-operative patient care
- Provide surgical scrub on all procedures, including minor and major surgeries
- Collect and label specimens taken during surgery
- Adhere to all departmental, state, and federal safety procedures.

## **Surgical Technician Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities**

- Education: A minimum of High School Diploma or GED is required but an Associate degree is usually preferred
- Certification: A surgical technician certification from an accredited school or training program is required. First Aid and CPR and BCLS certification is also required
- Knowledge: Previous clinical experience in Operating Room (OR) environment is required. Familiarity with all surgical instruments and equipment; and a working knowledge of sterile techniques and aseptic procedures are required
- Physical dexterity: The surgical technician must be energetic and able to lift 50lbs.