

Columbia Surgical Associates - Clinical Surgery Nurse

Job: Nursing/Nursing Support
Primary Location: Columbia
Schedule: Full-time
Shift: Day Job
Unposting Date: Ongoing
Description

LOCATION: Columbia Surgical Associates

HOURS: Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm

SALARY: \$22.78 - \$30.37

BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

The primary function of the Clinical Surgery RN is to serve as the coordinator for the physician(s) and as the patients' direct liaison to their physician and other clinicians.

This position provides perioperative patient management in collaboration with other healthcare providers, intraoperative surgical first-assisting, and postoperative patient management. Participates in the coordination of OR and clinic schedules, inventories, par levels and process improvement activities. Provide care via the telephone by utilizing organizationally approved telephone nursing guidelines and protocols for scheduling ancillary and surgery procedures, obtaining pre-certification, and patient discharge follow-up calls.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES

Assess the patient's condition/history, vitals, and nursing needs, sets goals, and prescribes appropriate nursing actions to meet those goals and the physical, psychological, social, and rehabilitative needs of the patient, including discharge planning.

Assess, intervene, and reassess the patient's self-report/symptoms of pain promptly. Utilize an appropriate tool for assessment and reassessment (0-10 numerical scale, FACES, or the FLACC.)

Demonstrate an understanding of medications with regards to action and side effects. Reports pertinent information to appropriate individual. Educates patients and significant others about their medications.

Demonstrate the ability to evaluate effectiveness of nursing interventions in accomplishing goals and intended patient care outcomes.

Responsible for the preparation, tracking and sterilization of equipment and instruments

Provides perioperative patient management in collaboration with other healthcare providers. Provides intraoperative surgical first-assisting, including: using instruments/medical devices, providing exposure, handling and/or cutting tissue, providing hemostasis, suturing and applying dressings. Provides postoperative patient management in collaboration with other health care providers in the immediate postoperative period and beyond.

Demonstrates ability to accurately perform some or all of the following functions: determine appropriate clinical details to enter/extract data for scheduling, rescheduling, and/or cancelling exams and/or surgical procedures and/or enter notes for pre-certification and follow-up, including patient discharge surveys by utilizing electronic and telephonic systems; enter patient and/or provider data into electronic system; maintain physician privilege list and/or payer requirements, etc.

Proactively provides service recovery as needed; utilizes message center to communicate and resolve scheduling issues with providers/patients.

Provides information to providers and/or patients regarding prescribed procedures, medications, and therapies, utilizing appropriate physician consultation; understands and explains medical terminology and procedures; identifies patient, family, physician, organization, and community resources for patients and physician consults and referrals.

Qualifications

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a school of nursing and possession of a current Missouri license as a Registered Nurse is required.

A minimum of one year experience as a registered nurse.

Manual dexterity in the use of surgical instruments and equipment is preferred.

Experience with general, vascular, bariatric or trauma surgery is preferred.