Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

Perioperative Services

Student Guidelines for Observing in the OR

1. Wear student ID at all times. They do not have access to the locker rooms/restrooms and the nursing lounge and must ask the OR staff to let them in. The staff will ask for their ID to let them in.
2. Bring a pad lock to place in the temporary lockers to store your outside clothes. You must wear scrubs from the OR.
3. Do not bring valuables into the OR.
4. Refrain from wearing dangling earrings, bulky necklaces and bracelets. No heavy perfumes.
5. Wear comfortable closed-toed shoes when in the OR. OR booties are optional.
6. Hair should be up, it should be kept inside the OR head cover at all times.
7. Wear minimal make-up. Make-up will rub on the masks when worn.
8. Do not wear long sleeves under scrub attire or any inner clothing that shows.
9. There is a refrigerator where students can place their lunch. There is also a microwave.
10. If the student feels dizzy, nauseated or not feeling well at the sight of blood or any procedure in the OR please let the circulator or the charge nurse know right away.
11. Always wear a mask inside the rooms.
12. The students can sit in the OR and can bring a pen and paper. If they prefer to stand make sure that they don’t lock their knees.
13. Make sure that you take your breaks. You are responsible for timing and taking your breaks. You must take a break, no exceptions. It can get really warm in the OR and also the time can pass by so quickly.
14. Make sure that the students understand that they are only observing. If the student feels that they have contaminated any sterile items please let someone know immediately as we correct the situation right away.
15. Sometimes when the procedure gets complicated or a code happens students may get asked to leave the room. Please have the students go to the charge nurse to get another room assignment.
16. Please time your questions when the circulating nurse is not busy. Write your questions down and ask at appropriate times.
17. Be careful about talking too much in the OR. We want to limit conversations in the room.
18. Have a positive attitude and have a wonderful experience.

Ask for me at the OR Front desk and they will let me know that you are in the OR (I usually start at 7:00 am). They may direct you to change into scrubs and meet me after. I will usually look for the students or ask the front desk for the charge nurse to come get you if I am not here. For afternoon students ask for me, if I am not available please ask for the charge nurse.

My office is also on the second floor room 2M003. I can be reached at (408) 885-5248 or via mobile (408)793-6194. The OR front desk is (408)885-3140.

Thanks, looking forward to seeing you. Gina Bommarito RN, MSN, CNOR

I have read and understood the student guidelines for observing in the OR.

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