

PROCEDURE FOR: Cesarean Section - Scrub Assistant Responsibilities

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the scrub nurse or surgical technician during a cesarean section.

EQUIPMENT: Cesarean custom pack (disposable)
Instrumentation: C/S set
Basin set
Sutures per MD preference card
Gloves per MD preference
Other equipment per MD preference card
E-Z Counter
Fluid warmer stand
PAS pump

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STANDARDS: L&D/OB-GYN Unit Practice Manual:

Protocol for: Cesarean Section: Immediate Pre-Operative and
Intraoperative Care of Patient

Protocol for: Counts - Sponge, Sharp, Accessory Item and Instruments

PROCEDURE:

ACTION	POINTS OF EMPHASIS
1. Open packs and instruments and set up according to AORN.	1. Add sutures, gloves and other equipment according to physician's preference card.
2. Scrub, gown and glove according to protocols listed above.	
3. Initiates counter ad outlined in protocol.	
4. Initiates time-out as outlined in protocol.	
5. Assist physicians as needed to perform the procedure, being alert to any breaks in sterile technique.	
6. Final counts as outlined in protocol.	6. Only gowned and gloved personnel will remove drapes and soiled items for red bag waste. Extreme caution will be taken so dressing is not dislodged during drape removal.
7. At the end of procedure, scrub person will hold a sterile towel over incision.	
8. Dressing will be placed on sterile field only when final count has been performed as outlined in protocol.	
9. Scrub person will utilize moist towels to clean skin around dressing.	9. Gloved circulator may assist with this procedure.

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| 10. Assist with transferring patient from table to stretcher bed as needed. All remaining soiled drapes should be removed. | 10. Epidural catheters are usually removed by anesthesiologist at this time. |
| 11. Room should be stripped of all soiled linens and drapes. Suction lids are closed and canisters are removed from holders and placed in red bag waste. Remember to remove light handle covers and the suction used by anesthesia at the patient's head. | 11. Housekeeping will not clean the operating room unless all soiled linens, drapes and instruments are removed. |
| 12. Instruments are taken to the utility room to be soaked and washed. | 12. Do not allow blood to dry on instruments. |

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

CREDENTIALS: RN, OR or L&D Scrub Technician

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