

**Surgical Technology Program  
End of Program  
Clinical Performance Competency Checklist**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Rating Scale: 0 = Not Performed    1 = With Assistance    2 = Independent

**I. Aseptic Technique**

a. Wears proper O.R. attire with protective eyewear	0	1	2
b. Infection Control			
1. Separates clean from dirty	0	1	2
2. Damp dusts equipment from outside the department	0	1	2
3. Keeps doors closed	0	1	2
4. Keeps movement and conversation to a minimum	0	1	2
5. Cleans organic spills immediately	0	1	2
6. Uses kick buckets for dirty sponges	0	1	2
7. Reports infections identified in the O.R.	0	1	2
8. Faces sterile area when passing	0	1	2
9. Does not walk between two sterile areas	0	1	2
10. Maintains distance of 12" from sterile areas	0	1	2
11. Identifies and corrects breaks in sterile technique	0	1	2
12. Does not shake or beat linens	0	1	2
c. Sterile Supplies			
1. Checks package integrity (stains, indicator, holes, exp.)	0	1	2
2. Used folded back tabs for opening	0	1	2
3. Opens away from the body	0	1	2
4. Maintains control of wrapper edges	0	1	2
5. Does not reach over sterile field	0	1	2
6. Does not touch wrapper to sterile area	0	1	2
7. Flips, tosses, hands sterile items	0	1	2
8. Checks solutions for label, seal, clarity, date	0	1	2
9. Does not allow splashing or dripping when pouring	0	1	2
d. Sterilization Processes			
1. Differentiates steam, EtO, cold sterilization	0	1	2
2. Identifies items that can be steamed	0	1	2
3. Identifies items that MUST be gassed	0	1	2
4. Identifies items that can be cold sterilized	0	1	2
5. Uses "flash" sterilization appropriately (time, temp., Indicator, removal)	0	1	2
6. Uses cold sterilization appropriately (time, mixing, exp. date, rinsing)	0	1	2

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7. Differentiates one-month & six-month exp. Dates<br>(double wrapped, heat sealed, dust cover) | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| (a) Not applicable if event-related sterility policy<br>utilized by hospital                    |   |   |   |
| e. Comments:  |   |   |   |
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## II. Surgical Shave

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|---|---|---|---|
| a. Checks with physician or chart for order | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| b. Performs shave                           | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| c. Removes loose hair from area             | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| d. Reports any knicks or cuts               | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| e. Comments:                                |   |   |   |
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## III. Surgical Skin Prep

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|--|---|---|---|
| a. Procedure   |   |   |   |
| 1. Identifies outer parameter of prep                  | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 2. Selects appropriate tray/solution                   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 3. Preps from incision to periphery                    | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 4. Uses circular, scrubbing motion                     | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 5. Blots excess moisture                               | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 6. Uses stick sponge for paint                         | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 7. Paints from incision to periphery                   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 8. Used circular, spiral motion for extremities        | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 9. Preps for 5 minutes or according to hospital policy | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 10. Does not allow solutions to pool                   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| b. Types of Preps                                      |   |   |   |
| 1. Abdominal or back                                   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 2. Vaginal   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 3. Extremity   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 4. Hip   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 5. Ear   | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 6. Head  | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 7. Face  | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 8. Other:  | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| c. Comments:   |   |   |   |
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#### IV. Electrical Surgical Unit (ESU)

a. Checks unit for safety	0	1	2
b. Selects proper mode (monopolar, bipolar)	0	1	2
c. Selects proper settings	0	1	2
d. Places and connects grounding pad	0	1	2
e. Identifies and connects appropriate active electrode	0	1	2
f. Determine when to use foot pedals	0	1	2
g. Inspects area after removal of grounding pad	0	1	2
h. Comments:			

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#### V. Positioning

a. Procedure			
1. Identifies position for surgical procedure	0	1	2
2. Selects and applies table attachments and supplies	0	1	2
3. Confirms with anesthesia before moving patient	0	1	2
4. Moves patient slowly and gently	0	1	2
5. Pads pressure areas	0	1	2
6. Pads bony prominences	0	1	2
7. Assures breasts, scrotum, penis are free from pressure	0	1	2
8. Assures feet, toes, ankles, knees are free from pressure	0	1	2
9. Assures good anatomical alignment	0	1	2
10. Assures good physiological function	0	1	2
11. Assures patient safety	0	1	2
12. Maintains patient dignity	0	1	2
13. Provides accessibility of the operative field	0	1	2
b. Positions			
1. Supine	0	1	2
2. Trendelenburg	0	1	2
3. Reverse Trendelenburg	0	1	2
4. Fowlers	0	1	2
5. Sitting	0	1	2
6. Prone	0	1	2
7. Jackknife (Kraske)	0	1	2
8. Lithotomy	0	1	2
9. Lateral	0	1	2
10. Modified supine (frog leg)	0	1	2
11. Fracture table – supine	0	1	2
12. Fracture table – lateral	0	1	2
c. Comments:			

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**VI. Sponge, Needle, Instrument Counts**

a. Counts on appropriate surgical procedures	0	1	2
b. Counts outloud with appropriate person	0	1	2
c. Isolates incorrectly numbered packages	0	1	2
d. Counts in a timely manner (before incision, before cavity closure, before skin closure completed)	0	1	2
e. Records counts immediately after being taken	0	1	2
f. Notifies appropriate person(s) of incorrect counts	0	1	2
g. Takes appropriate measures to resolve incorrect counts	0	1	2
h. Signs/initial incident report for unresolved counts	0	1	2
i. Assures that counted items never leave the operating room	0	1	2
j. Comments:			

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**VII. Suture and Needles**

a. Differentiates absorbable versus non-absorbable sutures	0	1	2
b. Differentiates cutting versus taper needles	0	1	2
c. Differentiates ties versus swaged sutures	0	1	2
d. Identifies multipack sutures	0	1	2
e. Identifies control release sutures	0	1	2
f. Identifies double-armed sutures	0	1	2
g. Determines suture and needle sized for intended use	0	1	2
h. Makes appropriate suture and needle substitutions	0	1	2
i. Comments:			

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**VIII. Sterile Core**

a. Checks case carts for outdated if applicable (event-related Sterility)	0	1	2
b. Make appropriate adjustments to complete case carts	0	1	2
c. Assures case carts are available in a timely manner	0	1	2
d. Assures sterile supplies are available	0	1	2
e. Checks crash cart and defibrillator for completeness	0	1	2
f. Keeps sterile area free of extra supplies	0	1	2
g. Comments:			

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### IX. In-patient Holding

a. Makes suggestions concerning preoperative patient assessment to licensed person	0	1	2
b. Provides emotional support to patients	0	1	2
c. Reviews chart for completeness	0	1	2
d. Reconciles differences between O.R. schedule & consent	0	1	2
e. Stamps appropriate forms	0	1	2
f. Alerts appropriate person(s) of unusual occurrences	0	1	2
g. Initiates appropriate QA forms	0	1	2
h. Assures supplies are available (O <sub>2</sub> , linen, etc).	0	1	2
i. Performs surgical shaves	0	1	2
j. Comments:			

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### X. Circulating Responsibilities

a. Preoperative			
1. Procures equipment and supplies based on patient needs	0	1	2
2. Assures equipment is in good working order	0	1	2
3. Creates and maintains a sterile field	0	1	2
4. Uses resources to prepare for procedures (kardex, preceptor)	0	1	2
5. Performs initial count according to policy	0	1	2
6. Assesses physiological health status of patient			
(a) identifies patient	0	1	2
(b) introduces self to patient	0	1	2
(c) verifies procedure and checks consent	0	1	2
(d) transfers patient to O.R. bed with assistance	0	1	2
(e) notes allergies	0	1	2
(f) notes skin condition	0	1	2
(g) notes patient limitations	0	1	2
(h) reviews health data for normal ranges	0	1	2
(i) communicates pertinent data	0	1	2
(j) provides emotional support to patient	0	1	2
(k) provides for patient safety	0	1	2
(l) maintains patient dignity	0	1	2
b. Intraoperative			
1. Assists anesthesia	0	1	2
2. Prepares patient for procedure (position, ESU, prep)	0	1	2
3. Anticipates additional patient needs	0	1	2
4. Identifies and corrects breaks in sterile technique	0	1	2
5. Documents according to policy	0	1	2
6. Sets priorities	0	1	2

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7. Distributes medications according to policy	0	1	2
8. Operates equipment according to policy & mfr's. recommendations	0	1	2
9. Uses equipment & supplies in cost effective manner	0	1	2
10. Cares for specimens according to policy	0	1	2
11. Performs counts according to policy	0	1	2
13. Assists in monitoring patient's physiological status (EKG, BP, pulse oximeter)	0	1	2
14. Adheres to O.R. sanitation policies	0	1	2
15. Prepares for potential emergencies	0	1	2
c. Postoperative			
1. Secures dressings, tubes, drains	0	1	2
2. Assists in determining patient response to surgery	0	1	2
3. Assists in transferring patient to stretcher	0	1	2
4. Assists in transporting patient to postop area	0	1	2
5. Maintains patient confidentiality	0	1	2
6. Makes appropriate revisions in care plan	0	1	2
7. Removes & reports malfunctioning equipment	0	1	2
8. Returns equipment & supplies to appropriate area	0	1	2
9. Prepares for the next assignment	0	1	2
D. Comments:			

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## XI. Scrub Responsibilities

a. Preoperative			
1. Assists in procuring equipment and supplies	0	1	2
2. Uses resources to prepare for procedures	0	1	2
3. Assists in creating and maintaining sterile field	0	1	2
4. Scrubs, gowns, gloves self according to policy	0	1	2
5. Prepares for procedure (instruments, sutures, etc.)	0	1	2
6. Requests additional items based on patient needs	0	1	2
7. Performs initial count according to policy	0	1	2
8. Verifies patient and procedure	0	1	2
b. Intraoperative			
1. Gowns, gloves, surgeon(s)	0	1	2
2. Assists with draping	0	1	2
3. Arranges sterile field in appropriate manner	0	1	2
4. Identifies and corrects breaks in sterile technique	0	1	2
5. Stays focused on surgical procedure	0	1	2
6. Anticipates needs	0	1	2
7. Operates equipment according to policy & mfr's. recommendations	0	1	2

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8. Passes instruments in correct manner	0	1	2
9. Uses equipment and supplies in cost effective manner	0	1	2
10. Cares for specimens according to policy	0	1	2
11. Performs role of second scrub	0	1	2
12. Adheres to O.R. sanitation policies	0	1	2
13. Prepares for potential emergencies	0	1	2
c. Postoperative			
1. Applies dressings, connects drains, tubes	0	1	2
2. Cares for instruments & equipment according to policy	0	1	2
3. Assists with transfer of patient to stretcher	0	1	2
4. Makes appropriate revisions to care plan	0	1	2
5. Removes & reports malfunctioning equipment	0	1	2
6. Returns equipment & supplies to appropriate area	0	1	2
7. Prepares for next assignment	0	1	2

Comments:

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TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 366

REQUIRED POINTS FOR SATISFACTORY RATING: 279

STUDENT SCORE:

GRADE:      Satisfactory              Unsatisfactory

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

