

Human Resources
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Job Code: 3993
Grade: RNA
FLSA: Exempt

Standard Job Description

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Department</u>
APN-Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	Anesthesiology and Pain Management

Job Summary

The APN-Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist is responsible for the administration of anesthetic agents and adjuvants to patients undergoing a wide variety of surgical and obstetrical procedures. The APN-Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist is also expected to make preoperative rounds, to evaluate the adequacy of the preparation of the patient for the anticipated anesthesia and surgery; and similarly, to make postoperative visits to monitor the patient's recovery from anesthesia. In collaboration with an attending anesthesiologist, the incumbent makes preoperative visits to evaluate the adequacy of a patient's preparation for anesthesia and surgery. On the basis of this evaluation, the incumbent suggests a primary plan of anesthetic management and also outlines an alternative plan in case the primary plan cannot be carried out. In addition, the APN-Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist is responsible for explaining the risks and benefits of both the primary and alternative anesthetic plans to the patient and to the patient's family and obtains an informed consent from the patient (or the patient's guardian).

Typical Duties

- Responsible for the administration of all anesthetic agents and adjuvants to the patients undergoing surgical, obstetrical, and other diagnostic procedures; administers oxygen and other anesthetic gases, and administers intravenous anesthetics, analgesics, and regional anesthesia, in addition to intravenous solutions, blood and blood product
- Responsible for the management of airway and the support of vital functions, including induction, intubation, and the maintenance of anesthesia
- Supports the patient's ventilation, whether manually or through the use of a mechanical ventilator, and for the monitoring of the physiologic response of the patient to anesthesia and surgery through the appropriate use of electrocardiography, pulse oximetry, and capnography, in addition to the measurement of blood gases and electrolytes when appropriate
- Continuously monitors and interprets the patient's vital signs (blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and volume, including invasive monitoring) and bodily functions (temperature, urinary output, etc.) during anesthesia and surgery
- Maintains an accurate record of all anesthetics, medications, and fluids used during the anesthesia
- Provides professional observation and support of care until the patient has regained control of his/her vital functions
- Recognizes any undesirable responses and takes appropriate corrective action, including the request for consultation by an anesthesiologist when the patient exhibits an abnormal response to anesthesia, to any medications administered, or to the surgical procedure itself
- Attends clinical conferences held by the Department of Anesthesiology, most particularly the weekly Morbidity & Mortality Conference and the Anesthesiology Grand Rounds

Typical Duties continued

- Attends anesthesia meetings sponsored by the local, state, and national Nurse Anesthetists Association and the meetings of local, state and national societies of anesthesiologists when desirable or permissible
- Performs other duties as assigned

Reporting Relationships

Reports to the Chief Nurse Anesthetist and Chairman of the Department

Minimum Qualifications

- Currently licensed as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Illinois
- Master's Degree from an accredited nurse anesthesia program OR eligibility to complete Master's Degree at an accredited nurse anesthesia program is required
- Current State of Illinois Advanced Practice License and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia certificate is required OR ability obtain State of Illinois Advanced Practice License and CRNA certification within six months of graduation date
- Progressive experience and advanced knowledge in a specialized area of clinical nursing is required

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

- Knowledge to provide anesthesia services, including but not limited to monitored anesthesia care, regional, and general anesthesia
- Knowledge of anesthesia and related pharmacology agents to provide anesthesia services including but not limited to general, local, monitored anesthesia care and regional anesthesia
- Ability to work as a team member
- Ability to work under pressure
- Analytic ability required. Ability to interpret complex organizational systems
- Communication skill to lead and teach
- Ability to interact effectively with others in difficult situations
- Ability to bend, and to lift and push up to heavy weight
- Ability to walk and stand for prolonged periods
- Demonstrates physical, mental and muscular coordination
- Ability to see and hear normally (including with correction) and distinguishes color and shades of color
- Ability to tolerate exposure to unpleasant noise, odor and temperature
- Ability to work any shift

Physical and Environmental Demands

This position is functioning within a healthcare environment. The incumbent is responsible for adherence to all hospital and department specific safety requirements. This includes but is not limited to the following policies and procedures: complying with Personal Protective Equipment requirements, hand washing and sanitizing practices, complying with department specific engineering and work practice controls and any other work area safety precautions as specified by hospital wide policy and departmental procedures.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of the personnel so classified.

For purposes of the American with Disabilities Act, "Typical Duties" are essential job functions.

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