

Critical Clinical Elements

Students have been properly instructed of the following tasks. These tasks have been performed several times in the lab setting. In response clinical facility recommendations, the following policy and procedure will be as follows.

LEVEL I- Unsafe clinical elements

Procedure:

1st occurrence- Verbal warning

2nd occurrence- Written warning

3rd occurrence- Meeting with instructors to discuss further progression in program

Failure to perform the following tasks correctly can and will result the student being asked to break scrub. If a student is asked to break out of a procedure, the student will not be allowed to count the procedure. The student must notify the instructor immediately, if the instructor is not present in the surgical suite when the incident occurred.

1. Perform surgical scrub
2. Gowning and gloving
3. Proper positioning of hands while not performing scrub tasks.
4. Application of mayo stand cover
5. Checking of surgical instrument trays for proper sterilization components.
6. Dropping of hands at any time once scrubbed.
7. Failure to wear proper protective equipment (goggles, gloves, x-ray shields)
8. Improper body mechanics
9. Improper removal of items from an autoclave or steris.

LEVEL II- Mandatory Clinical Elements

Procedure:

1st occurrence- Written and/or verbal warning

2nd occurrence- Probation and meeting with instructors to discuss further progression in the program

1. Turning back to the sterile field.
2. Failure to adhere to aseptic principles which result in contamination of set-up.
3. Improper recapping of needles.
4. Applying blades with fingers.
5. Improper handling of needles.
6. Improper passing of sharps (needles, blades, instruments)
7. Failure to separate sharps (instruments or supplies) at end of procedure.
8. Failure to follow instructions in carrying out duties assigned by your instructor.
9. Entering a restricted area without proper surgical attire.
10. Failure to comply with the clinical dress code.

11. Failure to report any break in sterile technique.
12. Failure to report any changes in health related problems which could result in liability issues.
13. Failure to wear name badge.
14. Frequent episodes of “break out” before or during the procedure.

LEVEL III-Critical Clinical Elements

Procedure:

Any occurrence of this nature will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

1. Falsification of records.
2. Performing any duties outside the scope or realm of a surgical technologist.
3. Any negligence involving patient care.
4. Illegal conduct of any nature.
5. Use of abusive or obscene language, or acting in a disrespectful manner to any faculty member, patient, visitor, staff member, supervisor or classmate.
6. Unauthorized absence from assigned duty station during scheduled hours.
7. Leaving a clinical site without proper notification of the instructor.
8. Failure to report any sharps injury to the instructor.
9. Illegal conduct of any nature.
10. Use of drugs or alcohol while on the clinical premises.
11. Reporting to the clinical setting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
12. Breach of confidentiality regarding the patient and/or procedure.
13. Larceny or unauthorized possession of property including food, books and supplies of all kinds belonging to the school, clinical facility, patient, visitor, co-worker, classmate, etc.
14. Possession of a weapon on school or clinical premises.
15. Removal from a clinical site.