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PROTOCOL OF ASSISTING DURING AN OPERATIVE PROCEDURE


1. Assisting the Anesthetist

- Check the central oxygen levels
- Connect IV fluids, monitors
- Adjust the position suitable for anesthesia
- Help the anesthetist to prep the area, if spinal or load the medicines if spinal/general anesthesia

2. Assisting the surgeon – Floor nurse

Receive the patient from the ward, from the staff nurse. Details obtained are

- Particulars of the patient
 - Elective/Emergency
 - Diagnosis
 - Procedure planned
 - Consent obtained
 - Pre-medications administered
 - Whether pre-operative instructions have been followed and patient is prepared
 - Confirm removal of jewellery/ornaments
 - Patency of IV Canula
 - Patient records – files, X-rays, investigation reports.
 - OT dress has been changed into
- Make the patient wear the OT cap
 - Transfer the patient from the wheel chair/trolley to the operation table
 - After anesthesia induction, clear the operative site
 - Remove the patient's gown and keep it in the un-sterile zone
 - Floor nurse coordinates her activities with anesthetist and surgeon and scrub nurse
 - Scrub nurse, scrubs, gowns and opens the set
 - Scrub nurse arranges the set and checks certain instrument like blades, drill, Humby's knife.
 - Back out from the Sterile zone and circulate in semi-sterile zone
 - Handing over of linen/instruments to the operating staff
 - Attending to all requirements as and when sought
 - Coordinating with other medical/paramedical staff during the course of the operation
 - Being prepared to scrub if needed
 - On the completion of operation, counting the instruments, sponges, needles
 - Assist to shift the patient from the operating table to the trolley
 - Shifting the trolley to the operating theatre door
 - Switch off the OT light
 - Handing over the patient to the ward/ICU nurse
 - Enter the operating details in a register
 - Coordination with the floor nurse to clean the operation theatre
 - Sorting of the used/soiled linen
 - Disposal of biomedical waste
 - Cleaning of instruments

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3. Assisting the surgeon - Scrub Nurse

- Bringing the instruments trolley and paint the trolley with betadine
- Remove the drape/rubber sheet from the container and spread it on the trolley (instrument/linen), using cheattle forceps
- Transfer the linens from the bin to the trolley
- Arrange to instruments in a designated fashion in the trolley and count them
- Drape the two trolleys with small drapes
- Pass the gown, gloves to the surgeon.
- Handover the paint and drapes to the surgeon
- Coordinate with the floor nurse for passing consumables
- Connect various tubes and wires as required
- Pass the instruments to the surgeon as required
- Instrument count at the end of the procedure
- Cleaning the stains fro the operation site
- Assist in Surgical site dressing
- Re-gowning the patient
- De-scrubbing