


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Assignment of Nursing Care</u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-124-18 <b>Department:</b> Nursing Service/Operating Room <b>Approving Officer:</b> Director Surgical Services <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Chief Nursing Officer <b>Scope:</b> Operating Room (OR)/Perioperative Services	  <b>Effective Date: 12/31/2022</b> Initial Effective Date: 10/1987
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### (A) Policy Statement

The Operations Supervisor (OS), or designee, is responsible for the assignment and supervision of all nursing care activities provided in the Operating Room (OR) and in those areas of the hospital where patients require surgical intervention.

### (B) Purpose of Policy

To establish and assure continuity of care for those patients undergoing surgical intervention.

### (C) Procedure

1. Assignments are written, using an approved assignment sheet. The role of the circulator is assigned only to a Registered Nurse (RN).
  
3. The complexity of the procedure and the acuity of the patient determine patient care requirements. Assignments for patient care are based on these considerations while promoting optimal patient outcomes.
  
4. OR personnel have training and knowledge of multiple surgical services. Personnel are assigned to a specific specialty based on experience and staffing needs.
  
5. Specialty teams provide coverage for most orthopedic and cardiovascular procedures. In the event of a shortage of specialty team staff, the specialty team will be assigned at the discretion of Operating Supervisor or designee.
  
6. When necessary for patient safety, OR personnel will be sent to other areas of the hospital to assist with surgical intervention.

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