

Surgical Technology Chapter 1 Worksheet

Orientation to Surgical Technology

Name: _____

Date: _____

Part 1: Vocabulary

Define each term.

1. Surgical technologist:

2. Sterile technique:

3. Surgical conscience:

4. Preoperative:

5. Intraoperative:

6. Postoperative:

7. Perioperative:

8. Circulator:

9. First scrub:

10. Professionalism:

Part 2: Short Answer

1. List the four main members of the surgical team.

2. What is the role of the surgical technologist in the operating room?

3. Why is communication important in surgery?

4. Explain what surgical conscience means in your own words.

5. Name three qualities of a professional surgical technologist.

6. What are the three phases of surgical case management?

7. What is the difference between sterile and nonsterile team members?

8. Why must surgical technologists understand anatomy and surgical procedures?

Part 3: Fill in the Blank

1. The three phases of surgical care are _____, _____, and _____.
2. The surgical technologist works under the supervision of the _____.
3. The first scrub surgical technologist is considered part of the _____ team.
4. The circulating nurse is considered part of the _____ team.
5. Surgery that must be done immediately is called _____ surgery.
6. Surgery that does not have to be performed immediately is called _____ surgery.

7. The four parts of communication are sender, message, receiver, and _____.
8. Surgical services may be provided in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, doctor's offices, and _____ units.

Part 4: Multiple Choice

1. Which organization is a professional organization for surgical technologists?
 - A. AST
 - B. FBI
 - C. FDA
 - D. DMV
2. Which phase occurs before the surgical procedure begins?
 - A. Postoperative
 - B. Intraoperative
 - C. Preoperative
 - D. Recovery
3. Which person administers anesthesia during surgery?
 - A. Surgeon
 - B. Anesthesia provider
 - C. First scrub
 - D. Radiology technologist
4. Which of the following is part of professionalism?
 - A. Poor communication
 - B. Honesty and cooperation
 - C. Ignoring policies
 - D. Refusing teamwork
5. Which surgery classification requires immediate intervention?
 - A. Elective
 - B. Optional
 - C. Emergency
 - D. Delayed

Part 5: Critical Thinking

1. A surgical technologist notices a break in sterile technique but no one else sees it. What should they do and why?
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2. Why is teamwork especially important in the operating room?
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3. How can poor communication affect patient safety?
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4. Describe how a surgical technologist can show responsibility and accountability.

5. Why should surgical technologists treat all patients without discrimination?