

Unit 32: Perform the Non-scrubbed Circulating Role for Perioperative Procedures

Level:	3
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	4
Guided learning hours:	28

Unit Aim

This unit is aimed at those who work in a non-scrubbed role to support perioperative teams during perioperative procedures. Learners will have the opportunity to develop knowledge, understanding and skills to maintain the sterile field and work safely with medical devices and equipment underpins practice.

Assessment requirements

This unit must be assessed in line with *Skills for Health Assessment Principles for Qualifications that Assess Occupational Competence* document. Detailed information can be found in *Annexe A* of the qualification specification.

Evidence for skills within learning outcomes 2 and 4 must come from real work activities.

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 Understand how to perform the non-scrubbed circulating role for perioperative procedures in line with policies, protocols and good practice	1.1 Explain standard precautions used for the provision and monitoring of medical equipment, devices and items
	1.2 Explain potential consequences of not following these standard precautions
	1.3 Explain local systems and protocols for team timeout, sign out and debriefing
	1.4 Explain local policies and procedures regarding the correct handling of contaminated items
	1.5 Describe how to avoid compromising the sterile field
	1.6 State the procedures which must be followed when there is a breakdown in the sterile field
	1.7 State how to dispose of contaminated or potentially hazardous waste in line with local and national policies and protocols

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
2 Be able to perform the non-scrubbed circulating role for perioperative procedures in line with policies, protocols and good practice	2.1 Apply standard precautions used for the provision and monitoring of medical equipment, devices and items
	2.2 Apply local systems and protocols for team timeout, sign out and debriefing
	2.3 Demonstrate local policies and procedures regarding the correct handling of contaminated items
	2.4 Dispose of contaminated or potentially hazardous waste in line with local and national policies and protocols
3 Know how medical devices are used for surgical interventions	3.1 State the purpose and function of medical devices used for surgical interventions
	3.2 Identify potential hazards of medical devices
	3.3 Describe the suitability of different types of surgical instrumentation for different procedures
	3.4 Identify the equipment to be used for weighing swabs and counting instruments
	3.5 Explain the actions to be taken when there is a problem with a medical device
	3.6 Explain potential consequences of not following procedures
4 Be able to work with medical devices and equipment for clinical procedures in accordance with requirements	4.1 Apply standard precautions for infection control
	4.2 Implement health and safety measures relevant to the procedure and environment
	4.3 Obtain, prepare and position medical devices and equipment in line with local policies and protocols
	4.4 Use, care for and store medical devices and equipment in line with manufacturers' instructions and local policies and protocols
	4.5 Monitor and count surgical instruments, swabs and sharps with the appropriate person in line with national and local policies and protocols
	4.6 Maintain tracking and traceability requirements for sterile items
	4.7 Dispose of clinical and hazardous waste safely, according to local policies and protocols

Additional information about the unit

Exemplification of terms used in assessment criteria:

The **circulating role** is someone in a clinical role assisting the practitioner during perioperative procedures.

Standard precautions are the precautions considered sufficient to reduce the risk of harm or injury by transmission of pathogens.

The **sterile field** is a specified area that is considered free of viable microorganisms. This is often an area immediately around an individual that has been prepared for a surgical procedure. The sterile field includes the scrubbed team members, and all furniture and fixtures in the area.

An appropriate person is the designated member of the team responsible for counting the surgical instruments.