

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBSERVATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE OR/RR

If you are meeting course objectives, you may enjoy off-the-floor experiences for the purpose of observing the nursing role in other departments. During your visit to the OR/RR, please make the following observations to help you get the most from your experience.

Operating Room: Observe/describe

1. Pre-operative checklist
2. Equipment in the room
3. Room set-up by nurse
4. Responsibilities of the circulating and scrub nurses
5. Responsibilities of nurse anesthetist or anesthesiologist
6. Patient positioning on table (including monitors, IV, etc.)
7. Communication between the patient & members of the OR team
8. Procedure observed, correct name, its impact on the system involved
9. Patient transfer from stretcher to table to stretcher
10. Report given by nurses and/or physicians

Recovery Room: Observe/describe

1. Equipment at each bedside
2. Nursing responsibilities and primary concerns about patient care
3. Patient in the recovery room including arrival and departure status
4. Communication between patient and staff
5. Report between OR & RR & unit staff
6. Discharge criteria to be met before discharge from Recovery Room