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Observers in the OR

VALUES CONTEXT

Our value of dignity requires us to provide a private and confidential environment for our patients.

PURPOSE\EXPECTED OUTCOME(S)

It is the intent of the policy to allow for education in the surgical environment, technical support for surgical and anesthesia products, protection for the patient's privacy, and to limit unnecessary traffic in the operating room.

POLICY

Employee (non-operating room) – with a documented professional interest in the specific type of procedure, i.e. training, providing care for the patient. The employee may be in the OR but not participate in the care of the patient. Observer shall not be a family member of the patient.

Exception to this would be if a C-section was done in the OR then one family member may be present with an additional staff member to be with the family member.

Under special circumstances for pediatric surgeries the presence of a family member in the OR may be considered at the discretion of Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, and OR Director/Manager. This will include only one family member, only for induction of the child and an additional staff member will be present to be with the family member.

- A. Employee (non-operating room)-with a documented professional interest in the specific type of procedure, i.e. training, providing care for the patient. The employee may be in the OR but not participate in the care of the patient. Observer shall not be a family member of the patient.
- B. Students/Orientees – Individuals for whom the operating room procedure is part of an approved educational entity, i.e., medical or premedical students, nursing program, paramedic training, EMT training. Also includes medical entities that the hospital has a contract with , i.e., REACH, Cal Star. High school students with appropriate documentation that they are participating in a school sponsored program, have a contract with the hospital and have met the criteria established by the Hospital Employee Health Department (TB test and other titres).
- C. Medical Sales Representatives – individuals representing a specific product to be used for a particular procedure.
- D. Physicians – visiting observer or visiting assistant either with current Medical Staff privileges or with

current temporary Medical Staff privileges.

PROCEDURE

1. All observers must:
 - a. Have proper identification.
 - b. Prior permission from the Director or designee to visit (at least 24 hours prior to the procedure).
 - c. Prior approval of specific surgeon.
 - d. Signed consent form from the patient.
 - e. Sales Reps have completed the department required Rep Trax.
 - f. Suitably attired according to the Operating Room dress code.
2. Physician Visitors
 - a. Must have consent of the operating surgeon.
 - b. The department Director or designee shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to the procedure.
 - c. Consent of the patient shall be obtained by the surgeon.
 - d. The visitor shall NOT scrub or participate in the care of the patient.
3. Visiting Physician Assistant
 - a. Must have approval from medical Staff services granting temporary Privileges for a particular procedure.
 - b. Medical Staff services shall notify the department Director or designee that the physician has been granted temporary privileges.
 - c. All approvals must be completed at least 48 hours prior to the start of the procedure.
 - d. In the event of an emergency request for a physician not on staff, the request shall be forwarded to the Administrator on Duty. Once approval has been granted, the Administrator shall notify the OR that special privileges have been granted for the procedure.
4. Employees
 - a. The experience must be directly related to the improvement of care of the surgical patient or interest in the operating room and appropriate to the observer's responsibilities.
 - b. Follow the directions of the operating room personnel while in the OR.
 - c. Will NOT participate in the care of the patient.
5. Student/Orientees
 - a. The student's experience in the Operating Room must be directly related to the educational experience.
 - b. The instructor will schedule observation in advance by submitting a list with student names to the Clinical Manager.
 - c. Follow the directions of the operating room personnel while in the OR.
 - d. Will NOT participate in the care of the patient.
 - e. May scrub but under the direction of the scrub person at all times.

6. Medical Sales Representatives

- a. The operating room is notified by the surgeon's office that the Sales Rep will be present for a specific procedure.
- b. The sales representative may act as a resource regarding the representative's product only and may not scrub in or participate in patient care.
- c. Visits are limited to procedures in which the physician is using a new product for the first time.
- d. May not bring in other Representatives to observe during the procedure unless the Representative is an employee of the Company.
- e. The Representative must be current and active in the Rep Trax program.

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References:

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