



# OR Observation Information



# Objectives

After completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Define “surgical conscience” and “surgical grace”.
2. Describe appropriate surgical attire.
3. List steps to maintaining a sterile field.
4. List key points to ensure a successful OR observation experience.



# Surgical Conscience

***Surgical Conscience*** is the exhibition of ethical behavior, promotion of patient safety, and doing the right thing even when no external supervision is present.

**This is all in an effort to prevent negative patient outcomes, such as surgical site infection.**



# Surgical Grace

***Surgical Grace*** is the act of conducting yourself professionally while in the operating room.



# Dress Code

1. Medical Center issued and approved surgical attire is required.
2. Other garments may not be worn unless they can be completely contained within or covered by the surgical attire.
3. A single-use head cover must be worn to completely cover all head and facial hair.



## Dress Code (continued)

4. Shoe covers must be worn.
5. All jewelry (i.e., rings, earrings, watches, piercings, bracelets, necklaces) is to be removed.
6. Nail polish must be freshly applied and free from chipping. Artificial nails are not permitted.

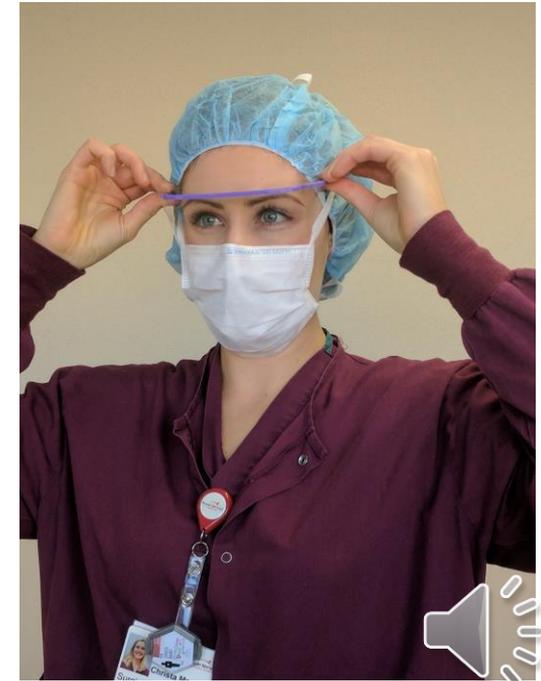


# Dress Code (continued)



7. A new surgical mask must be worn for each procedure.

8. Eye protection must be worn.





“If it is blue, don’t touch it.”



# Preparing for the experience



1. Eat a full breakfast (including a good source of protein).
2. Wear your ID badge.
3. Introduce your self to the circulating nurse and provide him/her with your first and last name.
4. Once you are in a procedure, you should stay there until its completion.



## When in the room...

- Stand against the wall and out of the way until the circulator guides you to a good place to stand.
- Do not lock your knees while observing.
- If you feel weak, back against a wall and ease yourself to the floor.
- Before asking the surgeon any case-related questions, ask them if it is OK to do so.



# Procedures Involving X-Ray

If observing a procedure involving x-ray:

- Dosimetry badges and lead aprons must be worn.
- You must remain a minimum of six (6) feet away from the fluoroscopy machine.



# Summary

Please review and sign the Expected Behavior and Performance Criteria Handout and return to your faculty advisor or proctor of your observation experience.

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