

Guidelines for Your Perioperative Observation



- 1. The Perioperative area includes the OR's, Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Day Surgery, and the Sterile Processing Department.**
- 2. Please check in at the charge desk and ask to speak with one of the educators to assist with assignments. We have many people on orientation, and try to limit the number of people in the room for infection control purposes. We do a great number of different procedures on any given day. Some of the cases you may see include cardiac cases, the Nuss procedure for pectus excavatum, hernia repair, orthopedic and ENT cases.**
- 3. We will assign no more that 2 students to a room. If we are unable to place all of the students, they may rotate to Day Surgery PACU and SPD. Although this may not have been your first choice for a learning experience, these areas are an important part of the child's surgical experience and there is a lot to be learned there as well.**
- 4. Once a case starts, please do not go in and out of the room. Unless you become ill, you should remain in the room. This helps to decrease traffic flow and the potential for infection. If you would like to take turns seeing certain types of procedures, please try to switch off between cases.**
- 5. Please introduce yourself. We enjoy sharing information, but at the appropriate times. Try to establish a rapport with the circulator; then you will understand more of what you are seeing.**
- 6. Please try to have some objectives ready before you come. Many times when the students come, they really do not have clearly defined objects or an idea of what it is they need to know. If you have trouble developing them. We can help you with this if needed.**

