

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: MOUNTAIN

Classification: POST OP NURSE

Applicant Name:

Post Op Nurse:

The Post Op Nurse must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

Definition of Care or Service:

The Post Op Nurse works with Surgeons, Anesthesiologists, and Surgical staff to provide intensive care to patients as they awaken from anesthesia after a surgical procedure.

Scope of service may include:

- Evaluates the patient's condition and assesses when they are ready to move to the post-anesthesia care unit
- Able to answer questions patients or family members have and verifies they're prepared for the surgery and for the after-effects of general anesthesia
- Provides ongoing assessment through observation of patient and records and reports findings accurately and on time to surgeon and/or anesthesiologist
- Evaluate patients before and after the patient wakes up from anesthesia
- Monitor patient's condition to ensure patient remains stable and comfortable.
- Demonstrates effective communication and collaboration skills with members of the perioperative team and other stakeholders.
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.

Setting(s):

• Surgical services areas including but not limited to hospitals and outpatient surgery centers

Supervision:

• Direct supervision by surgery department director, site manager or designee

Evaluator:

• Department director or designee in conjunction with supervising physician or licensed independent practitioner Surgery department director or designee with indirect from surgeon and anesthesia

Tier Level: 2

eSAF Access Required: Yes

Qualifications:

- Associate's degree or higher
- Registered RN license
- American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

State Requirements:

• Current RN license in practicing state.



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Experience:

• N/A

Preferred Experience:

• At least one year of OR experience is preferred.

Competencies:

- The Post Op Nurse will demonstrate:
 - Safe environment for patients
 - o Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - \circ Labels containers used for blood and specimens in the presence of the patient
 - Labels all medications and solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and procedural settings
 - \circ Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site / side and involves the patient in the verification process when possible.
 - o Participates in a time-out immediately before the start of an invasive procedure
 - Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Required immunizations per Division requirement

References:

- Nursys: https://www.nursys.com/LQC/LQCTerms.aspx
- Nursing Compact States & Nurse Licensure: https://www.travelnursing.com/what-is-travelnursing/nursing-compact-states/

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Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

Applicant Printed Name:	
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