

Surgical Technology Program Policy Clinical Case Requirements and Role Definitions

CASE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student must have a total of 120 cases minimum.
2. Students are required to complete 30 cases in General surgery. 20 of the cases must be in the First Scrub Role.
3. Students are required to complete 90 cases in various specialties. 60 of the cases must be in the First Scrub Role and evenly distributed between 5 specialties. However, the maximum number of cases that can be counted in any 1 specialty is 15.
4. The program is required to verify through the surgical rotation documentation the student's progression in First and Second scrubbing surgical procedures of increased complexity as he/she moves toward entry level graduate abilities.
5. Diagnostic endoscopy procedures and vaginal delivery cases are not mandatory. However up to 10 diagnostic cases and 5 vaginal deliveries can be counted towards the maximum number of Second Scrub cases.
6. Observation cases must be logged, but do not count towards the 120 cases minimum.
7. Counting multiple cases
 - a. Cases will be counted according to surgical specialty. Example:
 - i. Trauma patient who requires a splenectomy and repair of LeFort I fracture. Two cases can be counted and documented since the splenectomy is general surgery and the LeFort fracture is oral maxillofacial.
 - ii. Patient requires a breast biopsy followed by mastectomy. It is one pathology, breast cancer, and the specialty is general surgery; therefore, it is counted and documented as one procedure- one case.

CASE ROLE DEFINITIONS

1. First Scrub Role- The student surgical technologist shall perform the following duties during any given surgical procedure with proficiency. The following list is provided to identify the items that must be completed in order to document the case in the First Scrub Role. A student not meeting the five criteria below cannot count the case in the First Scrub Role and the case must be documented as a Second Scrub or Observation.
 - a. Verify supplies and equipment needed for the surgical procedure
 - b. Set up the sterile field with instruments, supplies, equipment, medication(s) and solutions needed for the procedure.
 - c. Perform counts with the circulator prior to the procedure and before the incision is closed.
 - d. Pass instruments and supplies to the sterile surgical team members during the procedure.
 - e. Maintain sterile technique as measured by recognized breaks in technique and demonstrate knowledge of how to correct with appropriate technique.

Second Scrub Role- the Second Scrub role is defined as a student who is at the sterile field who has not met all the criteria for the first scrub role, but actively participates in the surgical procedure in its entirety by completing any of the following.

- f. Sponging
- g. Suctioning
- h. Cutting Suture
- i. Holding Retractors
- j. Manipulating Endoscopic Camera

Observation Role- This role is defined as the student who is in the operating room performing roles that do not meet the criteria for the First or Second Scrub. These observation cases are not to be included in the required case count, but must be documented by the program.

Surgical Specialty	Total # of Cases Required	Minimum # of FS Cases	Maximum # of SS Cases			
General Surgery	30	20	10			
Specialties	90	60	30			
CV	Must be split between at least 5 specialties and no one specialty can count more than 15 cases.					
PV						
Ortho						
ENT						
Eye						
GU						
Neuro						
OB GYN						
Oral Maxillo						
Plastic						
Transplant						
Diagnostic						10
Bronchoscopy						
Colonoscopy						
Cystoscopy						
EGD						
ERCP						
Esophagoscopy						
Laryngoscopy						
Panendoscopy						
Sinoscopy						
Ureteroscopy						
Labor and Delivery			5			
TOTAL	120	80	40			

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