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**The Assignment:**

**Describe the role of scrub nurse and the role of circulate nurse in details.**

**The Answer:**

* **Scrub Nurse:** A scrub nurse can be referred to as a perioperative nurse. He/she is a registered nurse and assists the surgical team during surgical procedure. The job description of a scrub nurse entails setting up of the operating room prior to the time an operation is to be carried out. He/she works with the doctor in the course of the surgical procedure and helps to prepare the patient before he/she is transferred to the recovery unit of the hospital. The scrub nurse’s role can be seen in various hospital settings, like the ambulatory center, clinics, private physician’s office, and hospital surgical departments. His/her duties start prior to the surgical operation procedure. The nurse ensures that the theatre or operating room remains clean and is made ready for the surgical procedure; that equipment required are sterilized. He/she accounts for all the tools used during surgical procedures, such as the needles, sponges, and other instruments. He/she is expected to count such tools before and after the surgical procedure to ensure none of them is left inside the patient. He/she sterilizes the operating and washes his/her hands using soap, and also adorns sterile garments prior to the surgical procedure, while also helping other members of the surgical team to do the same. The scrub nurse work description also involves selecting the right instrument to be used during any stage of the surgical procedure and presenting same to the surgeon. He/she is expected to support the surgeon and also maintain safety of the patient. He/she is expected to know the tools to be used by the surgeon at any point of the procedure and prepare them before the surgical procedure starts. He/she should work with speed and be precise. He/she should be on the watch out for any hand signal from the surgeon and hand over the right tool to them, and collect already used tools from them.
* **Circulating Nurse:**

A circulating nurse is an important part of the surgical team in an operating room. In addition to preparing the operating room, he checks the stock of supplies and instruments. Problem-solving is a regular duty of a circulating nurse. Equipment must be checked and double-checked. If something is missing or not in working order, the circulating nurse finds a solution. As a patient advocate, the circulating nurse interacts with the patient before surgery and serves as a patient protector during surgery. Assessing the patient right before surgery is critical to making sure that all required preparation was completed. Serving as a patient advocate and safety monitor,the circulating nurse observes the surgery and ensures that no aspect of patient care is missed. She also studies data and responds quickly if anything goes wrong. For outpatient surgery, the circulating nurse confirms who will drive the patient home and who should receive updates about the patient's progress.