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**Orientation to Clinical Site**

* It is recommended that SRNA visit a map site for directions from their home to the hospital
* The anesthesia office is 2nd door on the right, just past the OR desk
* Parking is in the front lot and parking garage.
* There are 8 ORs and 2 OB suites, which are located on the 2nd floor. After exiting the elevator, take a left and walk through the double doors. The ORs will be on the right.
* Arrive no later than 0615 to set up your room for the day. Surgery begins promptly at 0715 and your shift ends when your preceptor or clinical coordinator dismisses you for the day
* If you are unable to attend clinical for any reason, you must notify the hospital, as well as your clinical advisor at least 2 hours prior to the beginning of your shift.
* The rotation at this facility is usually 1-2 months, with change being at the discretion of the school faculty.
* Required Equipment: Lab coat, School ID badge, stethoscope, and nerve stimulator.
* PACU is located on the right 3rd door past the OR desk.
* The cafeteria is located on the 1st floor in the center of the hospital.
* OB department is located on the 2nd floor past the OR rooms on the right.

**Experiences Available to the SRNA**

* The SRNA is afforded a multitude of cases encompassing all ages and levels of acuity.
* Surgical experiences include: GYN, ENT, Orthopedics, Neuroskeletal, and Vascular.

**Patient Assignments**

* Assignments are generally made on the day of surgery. Assignments can be found either on the OR board or on the OR schedule in the anesthesia office.
* Pre-ops are typically performed by the MDA, but the SRNA is encouraged to interview his/her patients as well. The SRNA may, however, be asked to pre-op patients in short day stay.

**Daily Clinical Routines**

**0630-1500**

* Set up the room and prepare all the medications needed for your patient.
* Proceed to pre-op holding to Ensure that all the necessary paperwork is completed, and that all consent is signed.
* SRNAs are responsible for all first case IV starts in the preop area.
* Prior to proceeding to the OR, you must wait for OR nurse to check for appropriate paperwork.
* SICU patients are to be transported on the Anesthesia transport monitor.
* Breaks and lunches are assigned. Lunches can be purchased in the hospital cafeteria, but the SRNAs are invited to use the refrigerator in the break room should they decide to bring their lunch. SRNAs are allowed to get lunch in the doctor’s lounge located on the first floor.
* Your shift ends when your preceptor dismisses you.

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