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Learning Objectives



1

DEFINE
the RN scope of practice as it relates to an ASC



2

UNDERSTAND
the role of the circulating RN



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CONFIRM
employees are functioning within their proper roles and responsibilities

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Requirements for ALL ASC Staff

**ALL
STAFF**

- ✓ positions **require a job description**
- ✓ must **demonstrate competency**
- ✓ must work within their **scope of practice and licensure**
- ✓ must have **periodic evaluations** of their job performance



Clinical Staff

CMS Conditions for Coverage

§416.46 CONDITION Nursing Services



“The ASC must ensure that the nursing service is directed under the leadership of an RN.”

“Sufficient nursing staff with appropriate qualifications to assure the nursing needs of all ASC patients are met”

“Number and type of staff needed will depend on the volume and types of surgery the ASC performs”

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CMS Conditions for Coverage

§416.46 STANDARD Organization & Staffing



“Nursing services must be provided **in accordance with recognized standards of practice**”

- ✓ State laws for nursing practice (BRN scope of practice)
- ✓ Medical Board
- ✓ Professional Organizations (AORN, ANA)

“There must be a **Registered Nurse available for emergency treatment** whenever there is a patient in the ASC”

- ✓ “**available**” = on the premises and sufficiently free from other duties that the nurse is able to respond rapidly in emergency situations”
- ✓ Designated RN must work within their scope of licensure or scope of practice

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RN CIRCULATOR **Job Description**

Responsible for delivery of safe, effective, and quality patient-family centered care in the OR and other areas of perioperative services for all patient populations



RNC is the Patient's legal representative while sedated

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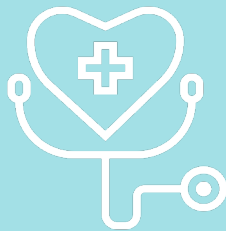
RN CIRCULATOR

Qualifications

MANDATORY	PREFERRED
Bachelor's degree in Nursing	2 years perioperative services experience
Graduate from an accredited school of nursing	Certified Nurse, Operating Room (CNOR) certification
Current registered nurse licensure in state of employment	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification
Basic Life Support (BLS) certification	Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification (patient population dependent)
	Basic computer skills (e.g., Microsoft® Suite)



RN Circulator Patient Safety

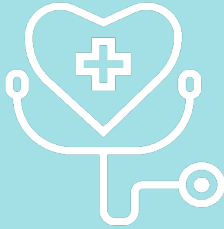


RN Circulators improve patient safety and outcomes by leading the team in *preventing*:

- Surgical site infections (SSI)
- Medication errors
- Wrong-site / Wrong-patient / Wrong-procedure surgeries
- Retained surgical items



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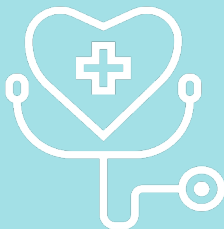


RN Circulators are responsible for:

- Verifying pre-operative assessment
- Positioning the patient for surgery
- Initiating the surgical “Time Out” before surgery
- Documenting the nursing care during the procedure
- Monitoring and maintaining the sterile field to prevent surgical site infections

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RN Circulator Patient Safety



RN Circulators are responsible for:

- Confirming the medications and blood products that are given to the patient
- Supervising ancillary personnel
- Making certain all equipment is functioning properly
- Communicating with other departments in the facility related to the patient’s care
- Keeping the patient’s family informed about the progress of surgery

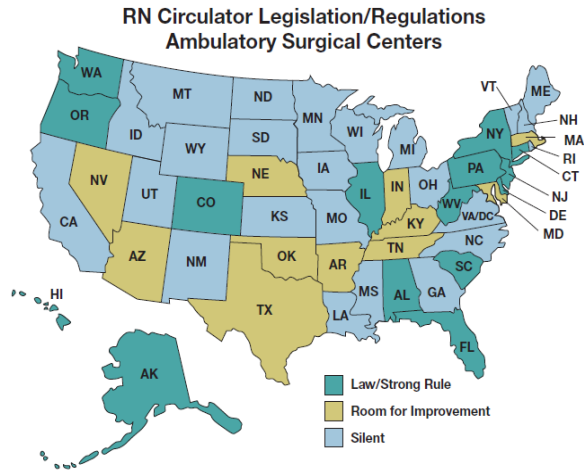
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RN CIRCULATOR

State Laws regarding role in ASC OR safety

26 states  
 address the importance

24 states 
 are silent

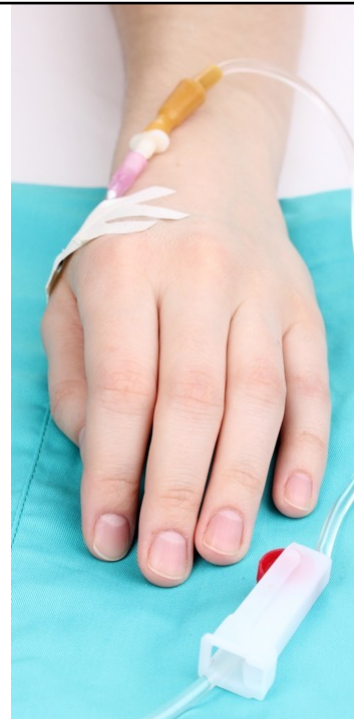


Scope of Practice

RNs and Moderate/Conscious Sedation

Definition: Moderate sedation / analgesia is a **drug-induced, mild depression of consciousness** achieved by the administration of sedatives or a combination of sedatives and analgesic medications

Most often **delivered intravenously** and titrated to effect

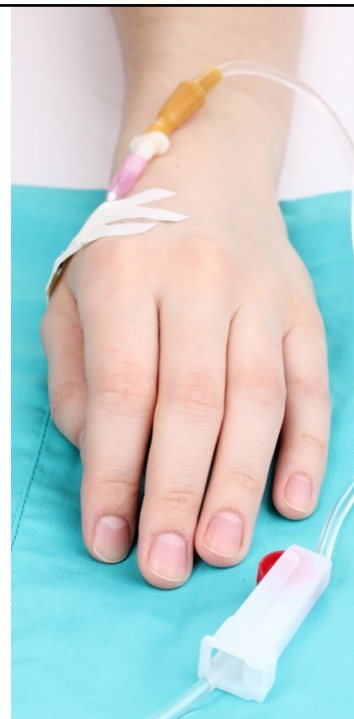


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RNs and Moderate/Conscious Sedation

RNs administering moderate/conscious sedation must practice within the scope of nursing practice as defined by the state.

- Each state's BRN regulates which medications may be within the RN scope of practice (*Ketamine, Propofol, Nitrous Oxide, Fentanyl, etc.*)
- Consult with state BRN for rulings and other guidelines relating to RN's role as a provider of moderate sedation

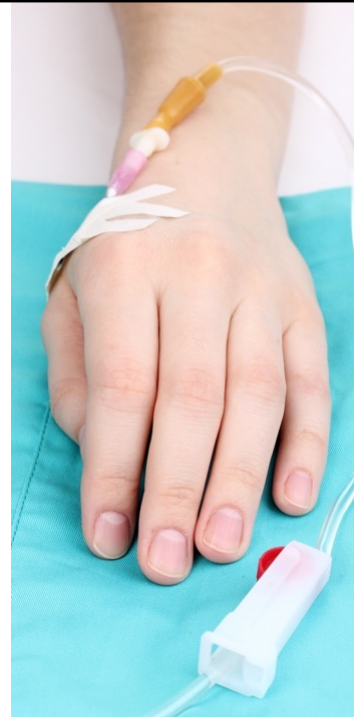


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RNs and Moderate/Conscious Sedation

The RN administering/monitoring the patient receiving moderate sedation/analgesia should have no competing responsibilities.

- Immediate response to any adverse reaction or complication



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GI Procedures SGNA and ASGE Standards

Once the patient's level of sedation and vital signs are stable, the RN may perform minor, interruptible tasks (e.g., biopsy or polypectomy).

During moderate sedation, the GI registered nurse monitoring the patient may assist with minor, interruptible tasks once the patient's level of sedation/analgesia and vital signs have stabilized.

(ASA, 2002; Calderwood et. al, 2014)

Adequate monitoring of the patient's level of sedation must be maintained and continues into the post procedure phase of care.

(ASA, 2012; ASGE, 2008; Kochhar et al., 2016)



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Pain, GI, and Yag Laser Cases Staffing Requirements

Circulating RN

May be state mandated

Must be a person who is able to document care within their scope of licensure or practice

- Time Out
- Use of Surgical Checklist

Monitoring RN

If needed, for sedation

Ancillary Staff

As needed

Physician Orders

- Do not “check” off orders for physicians
- Ensure orders are signed / dated / timed prior to notation and implementation

MD Documentation

- H&P, Op Report

Scribing

Common Issues with RN Scope of Practice

Delegation of Duties

- Medication administration - MA or NA administering eye drops
- LPN/LVN not directly supervised
- LPN/LVN not practicing within scope of licensure

Common Issues with RN Scope of Practice

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LVN/LPN

- Scrub Role
- Delegated Tasks from RN



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LVN / LPN Responsibilities

Delegated Tasks from RN

Focused Assessment	Medication Administration	IVs	Patient Education
Provided to RN for comprehensive assessment Vital Signs, Weight, BS	Typically, able to administer meds	May be able to assist with IVs <i>Example</i> Texas allows IV start/med administration following a training class except for PICC lines	Usually not involved with patient education <i>Example</i> Kentucky allows "educational activities" for clients based upon established written guidelines as delineated in a plan/strategy of care

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LVN / LPN Responsibilities

REQUIRES supervision by an RN

RN supervision level depends on type of facility*:

DIRECT ON SITE	INDIRECT ON SITE	AVAILABLE OFF SITE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available within 5 – 10 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available by phone Located within 30 minutes from clinical setting

*ASCs require **direct supervision** due to nature of surgery requiring a higher level of need for assessment and response. SNF may be indirect.




Cannot substitute a LVN/LPN for an RN

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In Summary...

- 1**
Know your **license** scope of practice
- 2**
Know your **state** scope of practices for all RNs, LPNs / LVNs and nurse extenders
- 3**
Protect your own nursing license and those of your staff if you are in management


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- ✓ Job Description | OR (Circulating) Nurse
- ✓ Competency | OR Nurse



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- ▢ Job Description | Medical Records Clerk
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- ▢ Job Description | QAPI Coordinator/Risk Management Coordinator
- ▢ Job Description | Surgical Technologist

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