

Rules and Regulations for the Licensure of Hospitals

12VAC5-410-420. Surgical ~~service~~ services.

A. The surgical department/service shall have a defined organization and shall be governed by written policies and procedures.

B. The surgical department/service shall be under the medical supervision of a physician who meets the requirements of the medical staff bylaws.

C. The operating suite shall be:

1. Under the supervision of a registered professional nurse.
2. Designed to include operating and recovery rooms, proper scrubbing, sterilizing and dressing room facilities, storage for anesthetic agents and shall be equipped as required by the scope and complexity of the services.
3. Provided with prominently posted safety policies and procedures.

D. A registered nurse, qualified by education and experienced in perioperative nursing, shall be present as a circulating nurse in each operating room during surgical procedures.

~~D~~ E. A roster of current surgical privileges of every surgical staff member shall be maintained on file in the operating suite.

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E F. An operating room register shall be maintained which shall include as a minimum:

1. Patient's name and hospital number;
2. Pre- and post-operative diagnosis;
3. Complications, if any;
4. Name of surgeon, first assistant, anesthesiologist or anesthetist, scrub nurse and circulating nurse;
5. Operation performed; and
6. Type of anesthesia.

F G. Policies and procedures governing infection control and reporting techniques shall be established in accordance with 12VAC5-410-490.

G H. The patient's medical chart shall be available in the surgical suite at time of surgery and shall contain no less than the following information:

1. A medical history and physical examination;
2. Evidence of appropriate informed consent; and
3. A pre-operative diagnosis.

H I. An accurate and complete description of operative procedure shall be recorded by the operating surgeon within 48 hours following completion of surgery and made part of the patient's clinical record.

12VAC5-410-1190. Nursing staff.

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The total number of nursing personnel will vary depending upon the number and types of patients to be admitted and the types of operative procedures to be performed or the services programmed.

1. A registered nurse qualified on the basis of education, experience, and clinical ability shall be responsible for the direction of nursing care provided the patients.

2. A registered nurse, qualified by education and experienced in perioperative nursing, shall be present as a circulating nurse in each operating room during surgical procedures.

~~2~~ 3. The number and type of nursing personnel, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and supplementary staff, shall be based upon the needs of the patients and the types of services performed.

~~3~~ 4. At least one registered nurse shall be on duty at all times while the facility is in use.

~~4~~ 5. Job descriptions shall be developed for each level of nursing personnel and include functions, responsibilities, and qualifications.

~~5~~ 6. Evidence of current Virginia registration required by state statute shall be on file in the facility.