
What is an Operating Theatre Technician?

An operating Theatre Technician provides technical services in the operating theatre and support patients in the recovery room

Roles of an Operating Theatre Technician

- Maintain responsibility for the transportation of patients to and from the theatre and wards
- assist staff with the movement of patients within the Operating Theatre
- assist with patient procedures as required
- maintain procedure room/operating theatre equipment so as to ensure a clean, safe and efficient environment for patients and staff
- ensure operating room table is wiped down, floor cleaned, linen and rubbish removed at conclusion of each procedure
- assist in the preparation of patient prior to surgery, e.g. pre-operative shave, patient positioning.
- ensure that patient is positioned securely and safely on the operating table prior to surgery and on the patient trolley at the completion of surgery
- provide assistance to medical and nursing staff
- promote patient safety at all times
- assist in other areas within the theatre complex as workload permits
- maintain good verbal communications with other staff in the theatre complex
- maintain patient confidentiality at all times
- be familiar with the correct operation of all equipment
- collect and return all necessary equipment for the procedure and patient safety
- report malfunctioning equipment to the nurse in charge
- follow the hospital's Health and Safety policies and procedures
- be aware of the OH&S guidelines for the safe transport of beds and patients throughout the hospital

Personal skills required of an Operating Theatre Technician

- careful and analytical approach to work
- sympathetic, supportive and professional approach to patients
- able to learn independently
- able to work as part of a team
- able to prioritise

Qualifications required

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance.

Future prospects

- Audiometrist
- Biomedical Engineer
- Health Technician Manager
- Laboratory Manager
- Medical Imaging Technologist
- Medical Scientist
- Nuclear Medicine Technologist
- Radiation Therapist