JULIAN MERCER

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Certified Surgical Technologist with 7+ years scrubbing general, orthopedic, and robotic cases. Maintains the sterile field, anticipates the surgeon's needs, and keeps room turnover tight.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Surgical Technologist May 2021 - Present
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

- Scrub 4 to 6 orthopedic and general cases a day, setting up instruments and implants from the preference card before the patient enters.
- Helped reduce room turnover by about six minutes by staging the next case's supplies during closing counts.
- Completed accurate sponge, needle, and instrument counts on every case, with no retained-item events.
- Precept new surgical technology students on sterile technique and instrument names.
- Set up and break down robotic and laparoscopic towers, cleaning and processing scopes between cases according to manufacturer instructions.
- Managed implant tracking by recording lot numbers and sizes for each orthopedic case in the chart.

Surgical Technologist Jun 2018 - Apr 2021
Allina Health, Minneapolis, MN

- Scrubbed laparoscopic and robotic cases, docking and draping the robotic arms and tracking instrument use for billing.
- Participated in the call rotation for emergency trauma and appendectomy cases.
- Coordinated with circulating nurses and anesthesia on time-outs, confirming site, side, and allergies on every case.
- Handled specimens by labeling, passing off, and documenting them according to the lab's chain of custody.
- Audited count sheets and trays at the end of each week with the OR charge nurse, and corrected missing instruments before they affected the first case of the day.
- Supported cardiac and vascular cases by preparing grafts, clamps, and retractors, and communicating closely with the surgeon during critical steps.
- Updated preference cards with surgeons, trimming unused instruments from commonly opened sets.

Sterile Processing Technician Sep 2017 - May 2018
Hennepin Healthcare, Minneapolis, MN

- Cleaned, assembled, and sterilized surgical sets according to AAMI standards and logged each load.
- Rotated through the OR support desk to learn case flow before entering surgical technology training.
- Tracked sterilizer biological indicators and flagged a failed load before any instruments were used.
- Learned decontamination, packaging, and loaner tray procedures, and applied that knowledge later to prevent delays when sets arrived late.

CORE SKILLS

Sterile technique | Surgical scrub role | Instrument counts | Case setup | Robotic surgery assistance | Orthopedic implants | Laparoscopic instrumentation | Surgical draping | Specimen handling | Sterile processing | Preference cards | Operating room safety | Hemostasis and suturing support

EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, MN

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Surgical Technologist (CST), NBSTSA | CPR/BLS for Healthcare Providers | Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)