
SUBJECT: SURGERY STAFFING

Policy:

Saint Louise Regional Hospital provides nursing services to meet the nursing care needs of patients who receive surgical care.

Procedures:

- A. The Surgery Department is staffed with sufficient registered nurses and technicians to run three operating rooms and one special procedure room during normal working hours (0645 a.m.-1515 p.m., Monday through Friday).
- B. During non-elective hours, two surgery teams one consisting of one circulator and one scrub technician for emergency surgeries and a second scrub for emergency c-sections.
- C. The circulating nurse is always a registered nurse.
- D. The circulating nurse is responsible for one operating room at a time.
- E. The Charge Nurse is responsible for the operation and staffing of the surgical suite.
- F. If an assigned on call staff member is unable to be on call due to illness, that person is responsible to notify the Surgical Director or Charge Nurse during normal working hours so a replacement can be found.

REPLACES:	
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Administration	
Dept of Surgery	4/24/12
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