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Nursing Policy

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Scope of Patient Care and Service

1. UNIT TITLE: Central Materiel Service Section, 2nd Floor

2. DESCRIPTION: The section is divided into 6 work areas to include: decontamination, prep and pack, instrument assembly, sterilization, storage and issue. It supports the workload of 18 surgical suites, 25 clinics within the hospital and 2 outlying facilities.

3. PATIENT POPULATION SERVED: No direct patient care activities. Indirectly serve complete age continuum; high risk/high patient acuity utilizing the most advanced technological equipment available in the healthcare environment.

4. CONDITIONS AND DIAGNOSES TREATED: N/A

a. High Volume:

- 1) Otolaryngology sets
- 2) Spinal – Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented sets
- 3) Gynecology sets
- 4) General Surgery sets
- 5) Orthopedic sets

b. High Risk:

- 1) Total Joint sets
- 2) Spinal – Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented sets
- 3) Laparoscopy instrumentation
- 4) Bone reamers

c. Problem Prone:

- 1) Total Joint sets
- 2) Spinal - Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented sets
- 3) Laparoscopy instrumentation
- 4) Microsurgery sets

d. High Cost:

- 1) Total Joint sets
- 2) Spinal - Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented sets
- 3) DaVinci instrument sets
- 4) Laparoscopy instrumentation
- 5) Microsurgery sets
- 6) Vascular sets

e. Excluded Patients/Services: No ethylene oxide sterilization

5. STANDARDS OR GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE:

- a. AR 570-4, Manpower Management, 15 May 2000.
- b. FM 8-501, The Workload Management System for Nursing, Nov 1990.
- c. WRAMC Regulations
- d. WRAMC Nursing Polices
- e. WRAMC Central Materiel Service standard operating procedures
- f. ANA Standards of Clinical Nursing Practice, 2nd Edition, 1998.
- g. American Society for Healthcare Central Service Personnel of the American Hospital Association
- h. Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation

6. TREATMENTS AND ACTIVITIES PERFORMED: No direct treatments performed by departmental personnel. Activities performed include the receiving, decontamination, cleaning, packaging, sterilizing, storage and issue of sterile medical instrumentation and supplies for the Operating Room and clinics. All activities are performed in accordance with the Scope of Practice and Competency Based Orientation.

7. PERSONNEL PROVIDING CARE:

a. Nursing:

- 1) Registered Nurses
- 2) Operating Room/Central Materiel Service Technicians
- 3) Central Materiel Technicians
- 4) Administrative Technician

b. Other Personnel: None

c. Unit core staffing plan

CMS	ASAM Authorizations TDA 0202		Weekday Staffing Matrix (excluding Head Nurse and Wardmaster)			Weekend Staffing Matrix (excluding Head Nurse and Wardmaster)		
	Military	Civilian	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night
Staffing								
RN	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
OR 91D	17	0	12	3	1	1	1	1
CMS Tech	0	12	2	0	1	1	1	1
Admin	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

8. HOURS OF SERVICE: 24 hours per day/7 days a week