STANDARD 2: Perioperative nurses practice evidence based nursing care supported by nursing knowledge and reasoned decision making

Recommended Practice	Examples in Practice	References
Documentation • Perioperative nurses should develop evidence based policy and guidelines.	• Information Technology • Surgical Safety Checklist • Perioperative care planning/pathways • Adverse events • Count procedure • Informed consent	• NCNZ: Code of Conduct for Nurses • NCNZ: Competencies for Nurses • HDC 2004 • Code of Health and Disability Services Consumer's Rights 1996 • Privacy Act 2020 • Health Information Privacy Code 2020 • Human Rights Act 1993 • The Mental Health Compulsory Assessment and Treatment Act 1992 • The Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 • Oranga Tamariki/The Children's, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989 • Guardianship Act 1968 • Consent and the Mental Health Act (1992 and Amendments) • Care of Children Act 2004 • The protection of personal and Property rights Act 1988 • AORN Guidance Statement: 'Do not use' Abbreviations, Acronyms, Dosage Designations

		and Symbols –to be used in conjunction with local policy • AORN Recommended Practices for Documentation of Perioperative Nursing Care • AORN Recommended Practices for the Prevention of Retained Surgical Items (Sponge, Sharp and Instrument Counts) • AORN Recommended Practices for Perioperative Healthcare Information Management • World Health Organization. World Alliance for Patient Safety. Implementation Manual Surgical Safety Checklist 1stEdition. • Royal Australasian College of SurgeonsLocal Policy -Implementation Guidelines for Ensuring Correct Patient, Correct Side and Correct Site Surgery. • Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO)Correct Eye Surgery Guidelines.
Continuous quality improvement • A continuous quality improvement plan should be consistent with the philosophy, mission and strategic goals of the Perioperative service	• Audit • Adverse events • Strategic planning • Benchmarking and external review. • Accreditation	• Health, Quality and Safety New Zealand. • https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/ Refer to local policy

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	• Systematic performance measures and priority areas as opportunities for improvement • Transparent roles and responsibilities • Evaluation and feedback • Clear communication strategies. • Regular reporting and auditing.	
Safe Medication Practice **Refer to Standard 1**		
Perioperative research • Perioperative nurses should be engaged in research to ensure best practice.	• All practice is evidence/research based • Current research is accessible and accessed •Collaborative research to initiate change •Case studies •Research forums •Journal clubs •Visiting experts •Publication	NZNO Research Section Journals On-line resources Post-graduate education Refer to local policy and resources

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