



STANDARD 1: Perioperative Nurses are responsible and accountable for their practice

Recommended Practice	Examples in Practice	References
<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A legal framework guides scope of practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of Practice as defined by Nursing Council of NZ • Patient rights • Informed consent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPCA Act 2003 • NCNZ: Competencies for Nurses • Coroners Act 2006 • 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

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<p>Ethical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for human dignity, needs, values and uniqueness of every team member and individual is demonstrated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare Industry Representatives • Tissue return • Death in the OR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZNO - Code of Ethics • ICN – Code of Ethics for Nurses • Human Rights Act 1993 • HDC 2004 • Privacy Act 2020 • Code of Health and Disability Services Consumer’s Rights 1996 • PNC – Guidance Statement: Death in the perioperative setting. • PNC – Guidance Statement: Health Industry Representatives in the Perioperative setting. • Refer to local policies
<p>Workplace and Patient Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation shall provide a safe environment of care and assist perioperative RN’s in the identification of potential hazards in the practice setting • Staff should work within a health and safety framework. • Staffing levels shall adhere to PNC minimum staffing recommendations. 	<p>Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological • Chemical • Radiation • Physical • Ergonomic • Psychosocial • Cultural <p>See: PNC Guidance Statement: Hazards For specific examples</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNC Guidance Statement: Hazards • Refer to local policies

<p>Infection Prevention and Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice of infection prevention and control optimises outcomes for patients and protection of staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental control. • Sterilisation and disinfection • Standard and transmission based precautions • Hand Washing • Gowning and gloving technique • Donning and Doffing (of PPE) • Surgical prep and draping • Aseptic technique/practices • Single use items/devices and Practices • Product Selection • Storage and Handling of Materials • Cleaning and Disinfection of Ultrasound probes • Transportation of Sterile Items • Commercially Prepared items • Stock Rotation and Shelf Life • Selection and Use of Packaging Systems • Specimen management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS/NZS 4187: 2003. Cleaning, disinfection and sterilizing reusable medical and surgical instruments and equipment, and maintenance of associated environments in health care facilities. Wellington, New Zealand: Standards New Zealand. • NZS 8134.3:2008 Health and Disability Services (Infection Prevention and Control) Standards. Wellington, New Zealand: Standards New Zealand. • AORN Recommended Practices for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical Attire Surgical Hygiene in the Practice Setting Maintaining a Sterile Field Traffic Patterns in the Perioperative Practice Setting The Selection and Use of Surgical Gowns and Drapes Environmental Cleaning in the Perioperative Setting Care and Handling of Specimens in the Perioperative Environment Prevention of Transmissible Infections in the Perioperative Practice Setting Preoperative Patient Skin Antisepsis Cleaning, Handling, & Processing Anaesthesia Equipment Cleaning and Processing Flexible
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<p>Safe Medication Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication practices, policies and procedures should be documented and adhered to. 	<p>Storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration Documentation Management of medications on the sterile field Review of adverse event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977 Medicine Act 1981 Medicines Regulations 1984 Therapeutic Products and Medicines Bill 2006 AORN: Guidance Statement; Safe Medication Practices in Perioperative Settings across the Lifespan National Safe Medication Programme HQSCNZ

		<p>2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmaceutical Schedule (PHARMAC) • NCNZ: Code of Conduct for Nurses <p>Refer to local policy</p>
<p>Collaborative Team Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative nurses should work collaboratively with other team members to optimise patient safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective communication • Interprofessional working • Support systems • Planning and debriefing • Surgical Safety Checklist 	<p>Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative practice WHO 2010</p> <p>Refer to local policy</p>
<p>Cultural Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative nurses should practice in a culturally safe manner by adhering to NCNZ guidelines. • Perioperative nurse should underpin their practice through effective communication and recognition of diversity of world views. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledging and respecting the cultural values and beliefs of patients and staff. • Tissue return • Visitors/support persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCNZ Guidelines for Cultural Safety, the Treaty of Waitangi and Maori health in nursing education and practice 2005 • Standard 3-HDC code of rights • NCNZ: Code of Conduct for Nurses • Equity matters - Kia tū te ōritetanga NZNO website <p>Refer to local policy</p>
<p>Perioperative Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative management should guide operational activities and reflect the visions, values and standards of practice. 	<p>Workforce planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Staffing • Operational management • Strategic management • Human resource management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Workforce New Zealand: health workforce projections modelling. 2010 • PNC Guidance Statement: Safe Staffing <p>Refer to local policy</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An experienced perioperative RN should manage the operating service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development 	
<p>Education and Professional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative nurses shall take responsibility for maintaining professional development. • A supportive environment should be provided for ongoing education and professional development for staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunities • PDRP • Orientation programme • Post graduate education focused on Perioperative / Medical Imaging nursing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZNO funding of Education Standards • NZNO Scholarships and Grants • NZNO Education Policy framework • Local education (employer) provision <p style="text-align: center;">Refer to local policy</p>