



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 	<p>HPCA Act 2003 NCNZ: Coroners Act HDC 2004 Code of Health and Disability Consumer's Rights 1996 Privacy Act 1993 Health Information Privacy Code 1994 Human Rights Act 1993 The Mental Health Compulsory Assessment and Treatment Act 1992 The Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 The Children's, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989 Guardianship Act 1968 Consent and the Mental Health Act (1992 and Amendments)</p>



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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 	<p>PNC Guidance Statement: Death in the Perioperative Setting NZNO Code of ethics ICN – Code of Ethics for Nurses Human Rights Act 1993 HDC 2004 Privacy Act 1993 Code of Health and Disability Consumer’s Rights 1994 PNC Guidance Statement: Health Industry Representatives in the Perioperative setting</p>
<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 Physical Ergonomic 	<p>PNC Workplace and Patient Safety Reference Synopsis</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial • Cultural <p>See: PNC Workplace and Patient Safety Reference Synopsis for specific examples in practice.</p>	
<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 • Surgical prep and draping • Aseptic technique/practices • Single use items/devices and practices • Product Selection 	<p>AS/NZS 4187: 2003. <i>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.</i></p> <p>NZS 8134.3:2008. <i>Health and Disability Services (Infection Prevention and Control) Standards. Wellington, New Zealand: Standards New Zealand.</i></p> <p>AORN Recommended Practices for: Surgical Attire Surgical Hygiene in the Practice Setting</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Storage and Handling of Materials• Transportation of Sterile Items• Commercially Prepared items• Stock Rotation and Shelf Life• Selection and Use of Packaging Systems• Specimen management	<p>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, and Processing Anaesthesia Equipment Cleaning and Processing Flexible Endoscopes and Endoscope Accessories Cleaning and Care of Surgical Instruments and Powered Equipment Sterilisation in the Perioperative Practice Setting Product Selection in Perioperative Practice Settings Selection and Use of Packaging Systems for Sterilisation AORN Guidance Statement: Reuse of Single Use Devices</p>
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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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage Administration Documentation Management of medications on the sterile field Review of adverse events 	<p>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 Safe Medication Programme HQSCNZ 2011 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 	<p>Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interprofessional working • Support systems • Planning and debriefing • Surgical Safety Checklist 	Collaborative practice WHO 2010
<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 	<p>NCNZ Guidelines for Cultural Safety, the Treaty of Waitangi and Maori health in nursing education and practice 2005</p> <p>Standard 3 - HDC code of rights</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. • An experienced perioperative RN should manage the operating service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce planning • Safe Staffing • Operational management • Strategic management • Human resource management • Professional development 	<p>Health Workforce Projections Modelling 2010 – Health Workforce New Zealand</p> <p>PNC Guidance Statement: Safe Staffing</p>



<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 nursing	<p>NZNO funding of Education Standards</p>
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