

Nursing Student Clinical Observations in Perioperative Services



There are many different opportunities to observe in perioperative services. Our intent is to avoid confusion about who to contact and how to arrange the experience. Please read the information below carefully.

Perioperative Services consists of 3 distinct areas:

- ✚ Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) – This is where the patient/family may come prior to surgery for a pre-operative workup. This may include a history and physical, lab work, x-rays, and an anesthesiologist visit. This is located within the Surgery Unit on the 2nd floor of the “C” building.
- ✚ Surgery Unit (SU) - This is commonly known as Pre-op Holding in other hospitals. This is the unit where the outpatients check in from home, H&P is completed, the anesthesiologist sees the patient and the surgeon sees the patient prior to surgery. Inpatients are also brought here to be seen by the anesthesiologist and surgeon. The patients wait here until the OR is ready for them. This unit is located near the “C” elevators on the 2nd floor.
- ✚ Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) - This is where the patients are brought to wake up from the anesthetic. Once stable, the patients are sent back to the Surgery Unit to be discharged home or are sent to the inpatient units if admitted.

Different ways to observe:

- ❖ **Schools request an observational experience in the Surgery Unit by contacting Professional Development.** There are 3 AM spots and 2 PM spots Monday- Friday. Students check in at the Surgery Unit desk and will be assigned to an OR. The student will wait with the patient and will follow that patient to the OR. They will then go to PACU (if time permits). Depending on the surgery assigned, the student may or may not be in the OR for the entire 4 hours; they follow the patient through the Perioperative process.

Weekend Observations- there are no scheduled surgeries on the weekend; these would be urgent or emergency surgeries only. Due to minimal staffing in the OR, a student following their patient

to the OR may be asked to go back to the nursing unit, as these types of cases require the OR nurse's attention on the patient and we have no resources available if the student gets dizzy, nauseous, etc. Observation is at the OR charge nurse's discretion on the weekend. We do not accept planned observations on the weekend as we have no planned surgeries.

We are committed to providing nursing students with a valuable experience, but must balance the volume of nursing students we have with the amount of scheduled cases, orientees, and other types of students on the units. If you have not scheduled an observation in advance the student may be turned away to accommodate those on our schedule. Thank you for your understanding.

REQUIREMENTS

BPD CLINIC

We request that instructors have students review BPD information prior to their clinical experience. The information can be found on the NCH website under Neonatology.

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/bronchopulmonary-dysplasia-bpd>

MYELOMENINGOCELE

Prior to observing in the Myelomeningocele Clinic, the student nurse must show written documentation to their faculty and bring documentation to the clinic on the following:

- Definitions for the various types of Myelomeningoceles
- Care of the patient
- Long term health needs

Do not directly contact clinics or departments to schedule observations. All observations for nursing undergraduate students must be scheduled through the observation book.

Observation Addresses

Observation	Address	Floor/Location
Adolescent	LAC	Suite 3A
BPD (Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia)	OCC	Tower Building - 4D
Cardiac Catheterization	Hospital	J Building - Room J2435
Cardiology	Hospital	C Building - 2 nd floor
Child Assessment	655 E. Livingston	
Craniofacial	OCC	Tower Building - 5 th floor
CTICU	Hospital	H4B
Dental	LAC	2 nd floor
Dev. Behavioral Peds-Down Syndrome	OCC	Tower Building - 1A
Dev. Behavioral Peds-Williams Syndrome	OCC	Tower Building - 1A
ENT	OCC	2 nd floor
Eye	OCC	4 th floor
GI Procedure Room/Clinic	Hospital	J Building (West) - 1 st fl
Hematology/Oncology/BMT/Ambulatory	Hospital	H11A
Hemophilia	Hospital	H11A
Immunodeficiency	LAC	2 nd floor
Myelomeningocele	OCC	1 st floor
Neurodiagnostics	Hospital	H10A
NICU – Complex/BPD	Hospital	C4A
NICU – Acute	Hospital	C4B
PICU	Hospital	H2
Plastic Surgery/Hand Reconstruction	OCC	Tower Building - 5 th floor
Sickle Cell	Hospital	H11A
Surgery Unit	Hospital	C Building - 2 nd floor
Urgent Care – Main Campus	OCC	Tower Building - 1 st floor

Outpatient Care Center (OCC): 555 South 18th Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205

Livingston Ambulatory Center (LAC): 380 Butterfly Gardens Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43205

Behavioral Medicine and Consultation Clinic (BMCC)