

Competence in Swedish operating room department



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From OR-nurse to Specialist nurse in Surgical care



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Competences in a Swedish surgical team

OR Nurse

Anesthesia nurse

Nurse assistant



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Future senario

- Shortage of OR nurses
- Long waiting for patients for surgery
- Lack of applicants for education
- The number of educated every year at universities are limited by the hospital training



Proposal for new competens

Explore Healthcare Careers

Surgical Technologist

Overview By Education Length By Salary By Work Type Careers A-Z



What does a surgical technologist do?

Surgical technologists, also called operating room technicians, work alongside and assist surgeons, nurses, and other members of the health care team throughout a surgical operation. The role of the surgical technologist is incredibly important because they ensure a sterile and organized environment.



New tasks for the OR –Nurse´s

- 50% steril in the OR team
- 25% training/ quality development work
- 25% supervisor for 2-4 OR´s where the new competens is instrumenting to be able to get sterile and suport.



What needs to be done?

- Full salary during specialist education
- Investment in good working environment
- Development opportunities on site
- Good introduction programs and access to supervision or expert colleagues



Is that enough? Do we need more support functions?

- Cleaning staff
- Staff who manage materials and storage
- Operation logistics
- Medical engineer
- Hygien Expertise
- ???



*“Who would apply for specialist training
which can be replaced by an thoughtless
Quick fix?”*



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