

# Job Description Position Title: Registered Nurse – Operating Theatre

Responsible to:Charge Nurse - TheatrePrepared/Reviewed:October 2024

## Place in Organisation



#### Purpose of the Position

• Provide appropriate nursing care to patients throughout the Peri-Operative process within Braemar Hospital, to a standard of excellence

#### Summary of the Position

- To carry out responsibilities in a professional manner, respecting both the patient and the team's expectations and requirements
- To provide an excellent standard of clinical and technical support to the specialists and to anticipate their procedural and equipment requirements
- · Assist in maintenance and correct use of all operating theatre equipment
- Maintains a safe and therapeutic health care environment
- Provides a level of service that meets the goals and objectives of Braemar Hospital
- To demonstrate Braemar Values

#### Nature & Scope of Responsibilities

Service Requirement	
Accountabilities	Performance Measures
To meet the Standards of Care policies and procedures and report any variances to the Theatre Co-ordinator, Theatre Charge Nurse or Theatre Manager.	<ul> <li>To ensure that each patient receives timely competent and quality service in order to meet their needs.</li> <li>To contribute to the formulation of theatre practice/procedures and to follow all agreed processes and procedures</li> <li>Ensure every clinical patient record is completed and documented in an accurate manner.</li> <li>To be fiscally responsible by ensuring that patient charges and specialist FAD/preference sheets are accurately captured and completed as per Braemar Hospital procedure and policy.</li> <li>To ensure that medical staff are informed of all patient related information.</li> <li>To ensure an integrated service delivery through good communication and information exchange.</li> </ul>

Health and Safety	
Accountabilities	Performance Measures
To recognize individual responsibility for workplace health and safety under the health and safety act.	<ul> <li>Advice or assistance is sought before commencing an unfamiliar work practice</li> <li>All incidents and potential hazards including near miss events are accurately recorded, and escalated within the time frame specified in Braemar Hospital Policy</li> </ul>
To participate in and comply with the requirements of the Health & Safety Legislation and associated Braemar policies	<ul> <li>There is evidence that work practices ensure safety for self and others including the identification and control of work place hazards</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>All incidents including near miss events are accurately recorded, and escalated within the time frame specified in Braemar Hospital Policy</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Performance demonstrates the knowledge and understanding of relevant health and safety in practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Emergency management procedures and compulsory / compliance education and training completed.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Hazards are identified, control plans documented and hazards eliminated, minimised or isolated.</li> </ul>

Risk Management	
Accountabilities	Performance Measures
To act proactively within areas of responsibility to reduce the number of accidents/incidents. To actively contribute to risk minimization activities within the service	<ul> <li>Contributes to the service's risk management activities by:</li> <li>Identifying risks and escalating to the department Manager at the point of identification</li> <li>Participating in the service's risk minimization activities</li> <li>Complying with Braemar Hospital policies, procedures, protocols and guidelines</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>To fully participate in the process of Quality Improvement initiatives and the process of accreditation including procedure and policy formulation</li> </ul>

Continuous Quality Improvement	
Accountabilities	Performance Measures
To develop and maintain a culture of continuous	Contributes to the service's Continuous Quality Improvement by:
improvement	<ul> <li>Identifying improvement opportunities and notifying the manager</li> </ul>
To ensure full compliance with approved quality standards in	<ul> <li>Participating in the service's quality improvement activities</li> <li>Providing good systematic convict</li> </ul>
all areas of responsibility	<ul><li>Providing good customer service</li><li>Complying with standards</li></ul>
To remain current with	Being responsive to customer requests or complaints
organizational policy and procedures	<ul> <li>Working to improve quality of service and customer satisfaction</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensures that Braemar Hospital maintains delivery of service and physical attributes consistent with a Hotel ethos</li> </ul>

Team Members	
Accountabilities	Performance Measures
Individual responsibilities actions and contributions enhance the success of the area/service/team and division	<ul> <li>Maintains a current knowledge of relevant issues, trends and practices</li> <li>Behaviour demonstrates cultural appropriateness</li> <li>Builds and maintains productive working relationships</li> <li>Participates as a member of designated group(s)</li> <li>Values individual effort, innovation and creativity</li> <li>Works in a way that demonstrates:</li> </ul>
Treaty of Waitangi Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO)	<ul> <li>Partnership and shared decision making with Māori</li> <li>Participation and consultation with Māori</li> <li>Protection of Māori needs, values and beliefs</li> <li>Demonstrates and encourages behaviour that recognises and is consistent with EEO principles and practices</li> </ul>

### Health and Safety Obligations

1. The employee shall take all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate or minimise risk in the workplace.

2. The employee shall take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that no action or inaction by the employee while at work causes harm to any person. The failure to take all reasonably practicable steps may result in disciplinary action up to, and including summary dismissal.

- 3. The employee shall ensure that safety procedures are followed at all times and shall comply with the employer's health and safety rules and procedures. Failure to comply with the employer's rules and procedures may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
- 4. The employee shall comply with reporting obligations to the employer in respect of health and safety matters and exercise due diligence in respect of the officer duties. Failure to report or exercise due diligence may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
- 5. The employee is expected to report as soon as possible to management any accidents, incidents or hazards arising during the course of the employment.

Personal & Professional Development	
Accountabilities	Performance Measures
<ul> <li>Assumes responsibility for personal and professional / work education and development</li> <li>Role models expected conduct and standards for team harmony within department and at committee level</li> <li>Actively seeks new personal growth opportunities and undertakes the necessary education /training to deliver on new projects</li> <li>Uses nursing knowledge and skill to assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient needs</li> <li>Applies analytical reasoning and professional judgement to nursing practise issues/decisions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can demonstrate how skills/information/currency in thinking is undertaken; can demonstrate new learning in action by effective performance</li> <li>New and ongoing learning needs are articulated and appropriate resources for education and training are sourced</li> <li>Completes all mandatory and relevant online education</li> <li>Reflects on own practice and professional behaviour; modifies own behaviour according to feedback, results, and outcomes</li> <li>Prepares for, and participates in self appraisal and annual performance review</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The staff member will perform such other duties as reasonably required by the manager in accordance with the conditions of the position</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additional duties are performed in an efficient manner, to the required standard within a negotiated timeframe</li> </ul>
The staff member contributes to the overall success of Braemar Hospital	• Feedback from peers, management, medical staff and support staff confirms contributions are positive, participation is effective.

Staff Reporting	
Direct Reports	• Nil

Relationships	
Internal	All Staff within Braemar Hospital
	Resource Nurse
	Hospital Co-ordinators
	Theatre Manager, Theatre Charge Nurse, Theatre Co-ordinator, Theatre Associate Charge Nurses
	Executive Team
	Patients and families
External	Surgeons rooms
	Other private surgical and public hospitals
	Medical associates
	Midland Cardiovascular Service
	<ul> <li>Providers of local clinical support services</li> </ul>

Person Specifications	
Education	
Essential	Registered Nurse
Desirable	Other relevant additional tertiary qualification
Training and Experience	
Essential	At least 12 months previous operating theatre experience.
	Current Nursing Council Practicing Certificate
Competencies	
Professional Skills	Clinical competence with sound skill base in circulating and scrub roles as per AORN Standards
	Effective communication and interpersonal skills (written and oral) in English
	Proven ability to change, innovate and be adaptable.
	Logical approach to problem solving, fosters inquire and critical thinking Effective workload planner with excellent time management skills.
	Commitment to own professional development
Personal Skills	Relationship development and management
	Initiative and Drive
	Accountable /Reliable/Honest
	Achievement Oriented
	Self Sufficient / Independent
	Flexible and Adaptable
	Innovative and Creative
Behavioural Attributes	Team Player
	Respect for professional relationships
	Respect for privileged information
	Outstanding customer service
	Solution focused
	Exhibits consistency in behaviour
	Cheerful disposition with a sense of fun at work
	Sincere interest in people and their wellbeing.