

## DESERT ANCILLARY SERVICES, PLLC

### Advanced Orthopedic Surgical First Assistant

The Advanced Orthopedic Surgical First Assistant (SFA) provides expert level assistance during orthopedic surgical procedures under the guidance of the surgeon.

#### REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Position the patient on the operative table, that will give the best exposure for the surgical procedure based on the exact requirement of the surgeon.
- Expert in applying padded points of pressure to elbows, hells, knees, eyes, face, and axillary region.
- Protect circulation for all 4 extremities and tourniquet time must be monitored.
- Ability to discuss the temperature anesthesia level of the patient with the anesthesia personal.
- Expertly evaluate for any possible damage from positioning which will include assessment of the skin.
- Report any abnormal condition to the surgeon and treatment and documentation shall be carried out.
- Visualize the operative site by doing all of the following:
  - Appropriate placement and securing of retractors with or without padding.
  - Packing with sponges
  - Digital manipulation of tissue
  - Suctioning, irrigating, or sponging
  - Manipulation of suture materials (e.g. loops, tags, running sutures)
  - Proper use of body mechanics to prevent obstruction of the surgeon's view.
- Utilize appropriate techniques to assist with hemostasis:
  - Clamp and/or cauterize vessels or tissue
  - Tie and/or ligate clamped vessels or tissue
  - Apply hemostatic clips
  - Place local hemostatic agents
  - Apply tourniquets and demonstrating awareness of the indications/ contraindications for use with knowledge of side effects of extended use.
  - Apply vessel loops
  - Apply no crushing clamps
  - Apply direct digital pressure
- Participate in volume replacement or autotransfusion techniques as appropriate
- Expertly utilize appropriate techniques to assist with closure of body planes:
  - Utilize running or interrupted sutures with absorbable or nonabsorbable material of wound layers, including muscle and fascia.
  - Utilize subcuticular closure technique with or without adhesive skin closure strips.

- Close skin with method per surgeon's directive (suture, staples, etc.).
- Postoperative subcutaneous injection of local anesthetic per surgeon's directive.
- Select and apply appropriate wound dressings, including the following:
  - Liquid or spray occlusive materials
  - Absorbent material affixed with tape or circumferential wrapping.
  - Immobilizing dressing (soft or rigid)
- Provide assistance in securing drainage systems to tissue
- Measure, size, and accurately place hip and knee implants within tolerance required for surgical outcome.
- Provide preoperative and postoperative care of patient as requested to ensure proper patient care and safety.
- Expertly perform other tasks as requested by the physician that are appropriate to the position.

EXPERIENCE AND MINIMUM EDUCATION:

- The position requires familiarity with common positions related to the surgical procedure and will be able to use the equipment necessary to provide the position.
- Competencies will include the following: Fracture tables, Head stabilizers, Body stabilizers, C- arm extensions, Arthroscopy instruments, and any other equipment needed.
- 4 year degree in a Science related field of study
- Surgical First Assistant certificate
- 8 to 10 years of recent experience in an operating room, specifically in the orthopedic area
- BLS/ACLS certified
- Bilingual (Spanish and English).

JOB: Surgery/ Surgical

PRIMARY LOCATION:  
Scottsdale, Arizona

JOB TYPE:  
Full time  
SALARY: \$80,000/year