



POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	Theatre Technician
DEPARTMENT:	Perioperative Services
CLASSIFICATION:	Theatre Technician Grade 1-3 (HH18–HH20)
INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENT:	Victorian Public Health Sector (Health and Allied Services, Managers and Administrative Workers) Single Interest Enterprise Agreement 2016-2020 and subsequent agreements.
REPORTS TO:	Nurse Unit Manager – Perioperative Services
PRE-REQUISITES:	Essential: • Mayfield Operating Theatre Technicians Practice – Certificate 3 in Health 1997 – 2002 or equivalent or working towards the achievement of this qualification. • Current Police Check. • Current Working with Children Check. • Current Flu Vaccination (evidence required).

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Must have the ability to undertake all physical aspects of the job.
- Requires a sound understanding of theatre equipment needs.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary team.
- Be adaptable with work hours and situations as required.
- Excellent communication skills and ability to communicate with people from a variety of ages, cultures and backgrounds.
- Have well-developed problem-solving skills.
- Previous experience with technology and / or equipment management would be advantageous.

OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of Benalla Health is to facilitate a healthy and resilient community through the provision of integrated, lifelong healthcare services.

OUR VALUES:

Compassion, Empathy, Accountability, Respect and Excellence.

POSITION SUMMARY:

An Operating Theatre Technician is responsible for the provision of safe and high quality patient positioning and general technical services to assist the Operating Theatre personnel.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting nurses in the set-up of the Operating Theatre for each case, including table attachments, electrosurgical unit, suction apparatus, tower assembly, microscope, tourniquet, plaster equipment and any other equipment deemed necessary.
- Assisting nurses to position patient safely in collaboration with anaesthetists, surgeons and nursing staff and in accordance with Benalla Health Worksafe Policies.
- Perform safe and efficient patient transfer from theatre trolley to operating table and return on completion of surgery.
- Assist with patient preparation for surgery e.g. Pre-operative shave, holding limbs for surgeon to apply skin preparation and sterile drapes, correct placement of electrosurgical patient return electrode and safe tourniquet application.
- Provide assistance to medical and nursing staff as required.
- To clean theatre table, trolleys, floor and equipment between cases.
- Transport patients from ward to theatre and back to ward following surgery.
- Clean slide sheets and patient lifting mats.
- Perform a terminal theatre clean on completion of the list.
- Ensuring an adequate supply of medical gases is available (in cylinders) for use within the theatre complex and that it is stored safely and functioning correctly.
- Transport of equipment to and from the theatre department as required i.e. Microscope, Image Intensifier. Be able to operate all equipment effectively and efficiently and be able to trouble shoot issues when required.
- Conduct general maintenance of equipment so as to ensure a clean, safe and efficient environment for patients and staff. Report any malfunctioning equipment and remove from use.
- Maintain effective communication strategies with patients, fellow colleagues and Allied Health personnel.
- Undertake on-going professional development and be a mentor for less experienced staff.
- Maintain patient privacy and confidentiality.
- Assist in other areas within the theatre complex as workload permits.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS:

In accordance with the current Victorian OH&S legislation and infection control standards, each employee has the responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety by:

- Adhering to Benalla Health's OH&S policies and procedures.
- Reporting hazards and injuries.
- Participating in OH&S consultation and OH&S training.
- Cooperating with managers and supervisors to ensure that OH&S responsibilities are met by all.
- Not wilfully interfering with or misuse anything provided in the interest of health and safety or wilfully put anyone at risk.
- Each employee is responsible for ensuring that they are fit to perform their duties without risk to the safety, health and well-being of themselves and others within the workplace. This responsibility includes compliance with reasonable measure put in place by the employer and any related OH&S requirements.

Each employee has the responsibility to minimise exposure to incidents of infection/cross infection of residents, staff, visitors and the general public.

Please refer to Benalla Health's Occupational Health & Safety Responsibilities Guideline.

QUALITY & RISK:

Benalla Health is accredited by an independent Accreditation Agency. All staff are required to actively participate in quality improvement activities.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

It is every employee's responsibility to access and have knowledge of relevant policies and procedures that relate to their employment. All organisational-wide policies and procedures can be accessed on the Benalla Health Intranet site.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

All staff have a responsibility to identify and report risks in their workplace. All staff are required to participate in risk management training identified as relevant to their position and level of employment.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Any information obtained in the course of employment is confidential and should not be used for any purpose other than in the performance of duties for which the person is employed. The employee is bound by the Information Privacy Act 2000, Aged Care Act 1997 and the Health Records Act 2001.

MANDATORY ORGANISATIONAL COMPETENCIES:

In accordance with current legislative requirements, all employees have a responsibility to ensure they successfully complete competencies as prescribed (on commencement, annually, every two years or as otherwise stated).

Refer to the organisations mandatory training policy for full details.

PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO FAMILY VIOLENCE:

It is a basic human right to be respected as an individual. Benalla Health supports this fundamental right through advocacy for the prevention and awareness raising of family violence. Benalla Health is committed to the elimination of Violence.

Each employee at Benalla Health will be expected to demonstrate their commitment by:

- Gaining knowledge and the ability to implement a brief intervention to identify and respond to family violence, underpinned by principles of sensitive practice.
- Actively participate in education and events supporting 'the prevention and response to family violence in our organisation and the community.
- Positively contribute to workplace safety and morale.
- Be able to confidently address issues that arise regarding Family Violence for clients and colleagues.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:

A performance review & development plan will be carried out three months post appointment and thereafter at least once a year. The position description will form the basis for the review.

If performance does not meet expectations or additional staff development/guidance is required, performance reviews will be carried out more frequently. The employee can request additional performance reviews at any time in writing.

This document provides a summary of the role and duties of the position and forms the basis for periodic review of departmental and individual performance.

This position description is subject to review and amendment at any time, as appropriate and as approved by the relevant Director.

To ensure a healthy and safe work environment for employees and our clients, smoking is not permitted on hospital grounds, in buildings and offices or in any vehicle.

As an occupant of this position, I have noted this statement of duties and agree to perform the duties indicated and observe all requirements of the organisation's Policies and Procedures.

EMPLOYEE'S NAME:	_____
EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:	_____
DATE:	/...../.....

MANAGER'S NAME:	_____
MANAGER'S SIGNATURE:	_____
DATE:	/...../.....

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Benalla Health

Aligning behaviours to our Values and Code of Conduct

Compassion	Empathy	Accountability	Respect	Excellence
In our team we ...				
are kind to each other are forgiving respect personal space seek clarity where there is uncertainty maintain confidentiality for those in our care and those we work with encourage and support each other to discuss issues ensure open consultation and two-way communication use eye contact and our tone of voice to demonstrate we are actively listening to the others perspectives we see the person as being separate from any unacceptable behaviour	ask others 'how can we help' act to include each other seek to understand the facts will support those who admit errors pull together especially in tough times have patience for those who are learning are safe to question and be inquisitive report incidents and mistakes recognising we work in a 'just' culture promote a culture of continuous improvement summarise what we have heard to demonstrate our understanding have fun	are honest and reliable do what we say we will do are honest with each other call below the line behaviour reflect on our own behaviour acknowledge problems and seek and/or offer a solution have the courage to speak up and use our voice will comply with reasonable directives follow policies and procedures including rostering rules	acknowledge the views, opinions, beliefs and ideas of others say thank you manage each other up encourage robust discussion smile and greet each other acknowledge people from culturally diverse backgrounds turn up on time apologise when we have hurt others and/or have been below the line in our behaviour model and demonstrate polite behaviour use AIDET when we communicate follow our organisation's dress code and dress appropriately	have a 'can do' attitude work hard choose our attitude encourage innovation lead by positive example work as a team acknowledge when we are wrong encourage each other to be the best we can be and celebrate each other's achievements
In our team we do not ...				
accept negative comments about others efforts withhold or deliberately make information inaccessible use or threaten to use violence - even in jest	say this is the way we have always done it judge a book by its cover tolerate angry, aggressive behaviour negatively criticise and judge another's performance actively avoid the reporting of events, incidents or issues actively or passively resist change misrepresent or selectively interpret facts	waste time turn a blind eye to poor practice expect other people to clean up our mess openly complain to everyone else except the most appropriate person who could fix the problem or issue	participate in, contribute to or encourage the rumour mill and gossip dismiss other people's opinions and contributions or put down their ideas manage each other down tolerate sexist behaviour or language use unprofessional or inflammatory language such as swearing raise our voices in patient care areas see ourselves as being more important than someone else respond with negative body language such as rolling eyes, huffing/puffing, negative tone of voice, crossing arms or shrugging shoulders talk down and be condescending to others	watch the clock ignore call bells or ringing phones regardless of who is allocated what duties blame others for our actions put our personal likes or dislikes above the needs of the team and our professional responsibility
Our standard is what we choose to walk past ...				