

# Perioperative Nurse Week



Perioperative nursing is a specialized area of nursing practice that involves caring for patients before, during, and after surgery. The week of November 7-13 we celebrate perioperative nurses and their contribution to patient care. Pend Oreille Surgery Center employs a talented group of perioperative registered nurses dedicated to making your surgical experience as safe and pleasant as possible.

Prior to your surgery, a perioperative nurse will call you to gather your health history and give you instructions. We will answer all of your questions regarding your surgery and recovery period at home.

When you arrive at our center, you will be checked in by our receptionist and then escorted to our pre-op area where a warm bed or chair awaits. A pre-surgical assessment is completed, vital signs taken, and an IV started after numbing your skin. We will explain the events of your stay and answer any questions in order to put you at ease.

The nurse caring for you during your surgery is called the "circulating nurse". She will introduce herself, verify your procedure and allergies, and escort you to the operating room. This nurse will remain with you during the entire procedure.

Your care continues in the post anesthesia care area where you will remain until you are ready to go home. Your "recovery nurse" is there to ensure that your immediate post operative period is as comfortable as possible. Your nurse, in collaboration with your physician, will explain your post-op instructions regarding pain management, wound care, and level of activity. We will also check on you the next day.

At POSC we are privileged to have an outstanding, caring, fun group of nurses who love their jobs and their patients. It is our goal to make your surgical experience as positive as possible.

*The Staff and Physicians of Pend Oreille Surgery Center recognize and honor perioperative nurses for their important role and commitment to safe, quality patient care*



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