

## CIRCULATING NURSE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fITPiFsVmsk&feature=youtu.be>

The **circulating nurse handles** all **tasks** outside the sterile **field** where **surgery** takes place.

*Nurse:* A part of that is being a patient **advocate**. Most of our patients are unconscious or sedated, they cannot speak for themselves.

The **goal** is to create the **safest** environment possible for the patient.

*Nurse:* That includes making sure that the sterile technique is up here to. A circulating nurse also coordinates the effort of not only the rest of the surgical **team** members but also other **departments** within the hospital, such as the blood bank, center **supply**, pharmacy and the patient's **floors**.

**Juggling** many responsibilities calls for strong nursing **skills** and a **thorough knowledge** of the **operating room**. A circulating nurse must have a nursing **degree**, as well as a heart - eye certification.

*Nurse:* I like the idea of being able to take everything I know and put all of that experience into one patient, **focusing** it on one patient **at a time**.