

GO CLEAR™ WITH THE AORN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN SURGICAL SAFETY: SMOKE EVACUATION

Scope of Program Delivery

The Center of Excellence program education should be provided to any personnel who work in an operating room setting. This includes operating room settings and departments where smokegenerating surgical or invasive procedures are performed. Part-time, contract, temporary, and travel personnel may be excluded, if they acknowledge support for the evacuation of surgical smoke and are informed of the facility's participation in this surgical smoke-free initiative. This list is intended to provide general information about the scope of education delivery but is not intended to be all-inclusive. Facility leaders should determine which individuals will receive the education based on the job descriptions and types of surgical procedures performed in the facility that could place team members at risk of exposure to the hazard of surgical smoke. Departments and personnel that may be included in the program education are outlined below

Health Care Organization Departments

- Operating room departments (eg, hospital-based, ambulatory surgery centers)
- Post anesthesia care units
- Labor and delivery departments
- Interventional radiology departments
- Endoscopy departments
- Cardiac catheterization labs
- Electrophysiology labs
- Emergency departments
- Intensive care units
- Outpatient clinics [eg, urology clinics]
- Operating Room Departments [eg, hospital-based, ambulatory surgery centers]
- Post Anesthesia Care Units
- Labor and Delivery Department
- Interventional Radiology Department
- Endoscopy Department

- Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory
- Electrophysiology Laboratory
- Emergency Department
- Intensive Care Units
- Outpatient Clinics [eg, Urology Clinics]

Potential Personnel:

- Perioperative RN Circulators, PACU RNs, L&D RNs, IR RNs, Cardiac Cath Lab RNs, Endoscopy RNs, EP lab RNs, Wound Care RNs, and other identified nurses that are involved in invasive procedures or care of patients with therapeutic packing in a surgical wound [eg, counted sponges, negative pressure wound therapy devices with foam dressings, or guidewire placement].
- Scrub Personnel [eg, RNs, LPNs, LVNs, STs]
- First Assistants [eg, Fellows, Residents, RNFAs, APRNs, PAs, STSAs, Students that suture)
- Surgeons, Interventionalists, Obstetricians, and other physicians performing invasive procedures with countable items. May enroll in the education or sign the waiver.
- Anesthesia Providers [eg, Anesthesiologists, Nurse Anesthetists, CRNAs, Anesthesia Assistants]
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