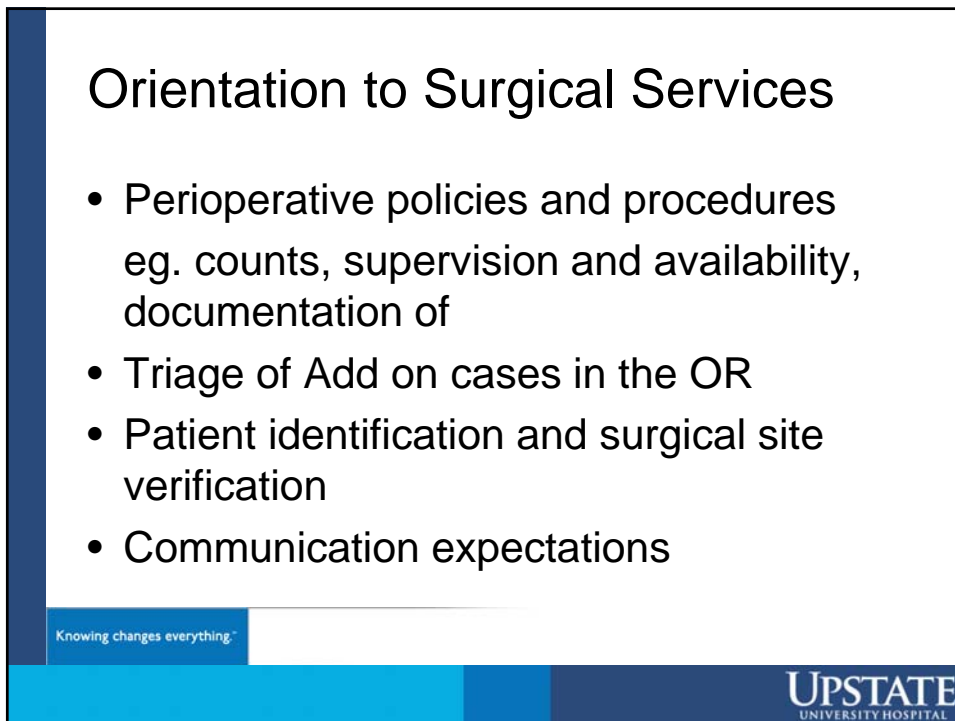


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Orientation

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Orientation to Surgical Services

- Perioperative policies and procedures eg. counts, supervision and availability, documentation of
- Triage of Add on cases in the OR
- Patient identification and surgical site verification
- Communication expectations

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Perioperative policies and procedures

- Surgeon must be credentialed to do scheduled procedure
- Attending responsibility to follow surgical site verification policy (on floor and in OR)
- Attending surgeon must be in OR for the critical parts of the procedure, must also be available and on the premises till the patient is out of the OR

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Perioperative policies and procedures

- Surgeon must be aware of OR count policies and procedures (not can NOT close skin if count incorrect, becomes DOH reportable event)
- Add on cases are scheduled based on medical urgency of the patient
- “Cranberry scrubs” only in the OR – not to be worn out of the facility

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Scheduling Add On cases

- **Red Strip - Acute Life or Limb Threatening Conditions**
- **Orange Strip - Emergency conditions resulting in progressive patient deterioration if not done urgently.**
- **Yellow Strip - Surgical conditions which require definitive surgical treatment within 24 hours of the identified need and can not wait until the next day's elective schedule.**
- **White Strip - Surgical patients with conditions which can be treated semi-electively.**

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Expectations on Surgical Service communication

- Attending surgeon should be notified of ALL critical patient events
- All discharges and transfers out of the hospital should be approved by an attending MD

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Expectations on Surgical Service communication

- Attending surgeon should be notified: new consultations, new admissions,
- Patients must be seen by an attending MD within 24 h of admission and on a daily basis by attending or coverage

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The Upstate Pledge

- All new faculty are expected to review and sign the Upstate Pledge
- Agree to behave and communicate in a considerate, patient and courteous manner

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Upstate Privacy policies and procedures

- Do not access medical records of patients, family members or employees if you are not caring for them as MD
- Use cell phones to take pictures of patients or OR findings is forbidden
- Use OR camera for this if necessary or get permission (see policy)

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