**University of Colorado Hospital**

**Operating Room Clinical Preceptor Role Summary**

**Description:** The Clinical Preceptor in the AIP Operating Room is either a competent Level II Clinical Nurse (RN) in the UEXCEL Professional Practice Plan or Certified Surgical Technologist. The Clinical Preceptor utilizes both hospital and unit based policies and procedures as well as the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN) professional practice guidelines to direct new staff in either the circulating nurse role or surgical scrub role.

**Accountability:** The Clinical Preceptor displays and provides exemplary care to achieve optimal patient and family health outcomes within the Operating Room. The Clinical Preceptor presents leadership competencies through demonstrating patient care coordination in the Perioperative settings and supports multidisplinary care team communication. The Clinical Preceptor continually reflects professional practice competencies as a recognized educational resource and practices outcome competenciesthrough precision of intraoperative skills and utilization of evidence-based practices in the specialty care setting. The preceptor also demonstrates acknowledgment of the University of Colorado Hospital’s quality model and proactively supports unit patient safety goals.

**Definition:** The OR Clinical Preceptor is an employee who functions as a teacher and mentor in guiding, directing, and overseeing the orientation and/or training of a designated employee or student within the Perioperative setting.

**Responsibility:** The OR Clinical Preceptor is the primary staff member in either the circulating or scrubbing role who functions to support both the surgical team and bridges the theory-to-practice gap for an observing preceptee/student or a preceptee/student in the secondary circulator or scrub role. The OR Clinical Preceptor is a role model staff member whose practice reflects professionalism, leadership and organization. The OR Clinical Preceptor proactively seeks out learning opportunity for the preceptee/student by identification of the preceptee/student’s learning style and needs. The OR Clinical Preceptor facilitates collaboration of the preceptee/student with the surgical team through goal recognition, delegation and demonstrative competency. The OR Clinical Preceptor preemptively observes, teaches and validates skills performance of the preceptee/student through timely evaluation and documentation. The OR Clinical Preceptor also advocates integrating the preceptee/student into the work environment both professionally and socially.