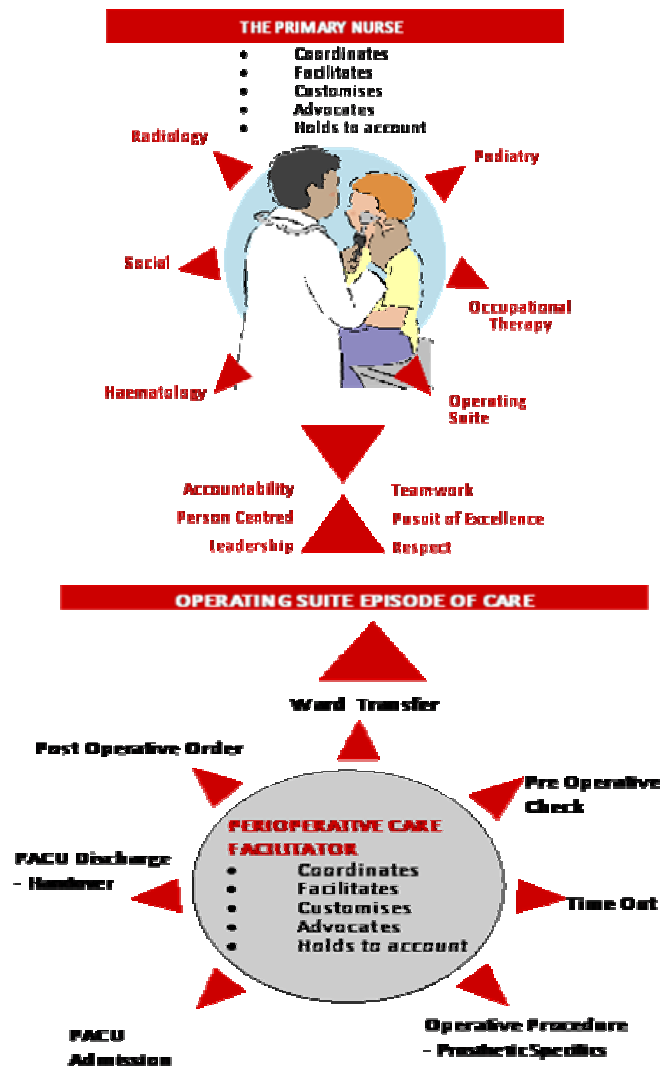


Operating Suite Service Primary Nursing Fact Sheet

Primary nursing is a nursing care delivery system which is based upon decentralized decision making. A Registered Nurse, the primary nurse, is accountable for the plan of patient care throughout their hospital stay.



The essential concepts of primary nursing include, Person centred care, Accountability, Responsibility, Collaboration, Continuity of care, Autonomy. The care we deliver in the Operating Suite is described as an “episode” of the patient’s entire hospital stay (see diagram).

The ‘Perioperative Care Facilitator’ (PCF) will coordinate this episode of care. They will collaborate with the multidisciplinary team to ensure the patient receives care that uses a *person centred approach* whilst in the Operating Suite.

Each Registered Nurse (RN) working in the Operating Suite works with the PCF to implement the plan of care individualised to the patient. The PCF will bring together all aspects of the patient’s care (preoperative, intraoperative & postoperative) within the Operating Suite. This will increase the patient’s consistency of care and enable the PCF to give a more comprehensive handover of the patient’s episode of care to the Primary Nurse on the ward

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