

APPENDIX 1

| Task categories and subcategories | Definitions | Included activities |
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| Pre indirect care | Tasks indirectly related to patient care prior to patient arrival | |
| Disinfect | | Pre-operative handwashing/disinfection |
| Organise/arrange | | Organising the room, preparing equipment |
| Control/count | | Checking the equipment, devices and operation table |
| Read | | Reading/searching patient information |
| Clean | | Arranging and cleaning |
| Protect | | Applying sterile gown, gloves, apron |
| Intra indirect care | Tasks indirectly related to patient care, when the patient is present | |
| Observe/monitor | | Monitoring patient's vital parameters |
| Disinfect | | Handwashing/disinfection |
| Organise/arrange | | Preparing equipment |
| Control/count | | Controlling technical equipment |
| Read | | Reading and reviewing patient information |
| Clean | | Arranging and cleaning |
| Protect | | Applying protective apron or gloves |
| Direct care | Tasks directly related to patient care | |
| Skin disinfection | | Disinfecting the incision area |
| Drape | | Assisting in draping the patient |
| Assist | | Assisting another professional |
| Instrumentation | | Instrumentation if needed |
| Perform invasive surgical/ anaesthetic procedures | | Performing the procedure/intubation, inserting intravenous lines |
| Perform patient care | | Communicating with the patient, mobilising the patient, dressing the wound, moving the patient to the bed |
| Medication | Tasks related to providing medication to a patient | |
| Prepare | | Reading prescriptions, preparing syringes |
| Administer | | Giving medication to the patient |
| Document | | Documenting medication care |
| Communicate | | Discussing medication care and prescriptions, asking for clarification |
| Documentation | Any recording of patient information on paper or computer | |
| Communication | Any work-related or social discussion with another staff member | |
| Professional | | Discussions related to the procedure, planning the care of the patient, paging surgeon or anaesthesiologist, reporting, completing the WHO checklist |
| Irrelevant | | Case-irrelevant communication |
| Supervision | Any activity focused on teaching or education | <i>(Note: When supervision is taking place, all other tasks are 'multitasking'.)</i> |
| Other | Any other task not included above | For example: Waiting for a colleague or a decision, when there is no communication |
| In transit | Any movement between rooms | Transferring the patient into and out of the OR Getting equipment needed |