

Department Spotlight

OR/Anesthesia/PAR/CS

The operating room (OR) has 5 surgeons providing service in Oakes. Dr. Rup Nagala, general surgeon, performs a variety of surgical cases including; tonsillectomies, endoscopies, hernia repairs, cholecystectomies, cystoscopies, carpal and cubital tunnel repairs and many more. Dr Paul Wasemiller, general surgeon, comes to the hospital monthly seeing clinic referrals and also performs a variety of surgical cases some of which include; hysterectomies, endoscopies, hernia repairs, cholecystectomies, and tonsillectomies. Dr James Johnson, orthopedic surgeon, sees patients twice a month at the hospital performing procedures like knee arthroscopy, carpal and cubital tunnel repair, rotator cuff repairs and a variety of other orthopedic procedures. Dr Curt Wischmeier, optometrist, comes the first Tuesday of every month to do cataract extractions and pterygium excisions. Dr Chad Stapp, podiatrist, comes the second Monday of every month to see clinic referrals and can provide a variety of foot surgeries in the operating room.

In addition to our great surgeons we have one full time CRNA, Amy Bakke who provides anesthesia for all the surgical procedures and also has a pain clinic providing trigger point injections, SI Joint injections and epidurals. We have two part time CRNAs Ryan Kurtz and Darcie Mennenga that will fill in or assist Amy as needed. We have seven RNs; Jess Tiegs, Alicia Podoll, Lynnette Burgard, and Stacie Garland who provide excellent patient care prior to your surgery and continue to care for you in operating room; Barb Daniels, Roberta Forward, Andrea Sherlock are there to provide exceptional patient care following your surgical procedure in the recovery room. We also have one surgical technologist , Becky Hedlund, who will scrub in with the surgeons to assure the best care during your procedure.

At the beginning of every surgical day, Becky and Lynnette assure all instruments are clean and sterilized. They also assure the entire OR Suite and surrounding areas including the supply room, central supply room, wrapping room, recovery room, and hallway are cleaned daily prior to surgical procedures and cleaned again after any surgical procedure.



As the OR Manager, on non surgical days, Lynnette schedules the surgical dates with the visiting surgeons and OR staff, schedules and provides patient education with the surgical patients, prior authorizes surgical procedures with insurance companies, reviews surgical patient charts; assuring that all necessary patient

Back Row: Barb Daniels, Lynnette Burgard (Manager), Jessica Tiegs, Becky Hedlund

Front Row: Andrea Sherlock, Stacey Garland, Amy Bakke

Not Pictured: Roberta Forward, Alicia Podoll