

### S.31 Proposed Amendment

(23) A registered nurse who is licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 28 and educated and trained in perioperative nursing shall be present and serve as a circulating nurse for the duration of any invasive or surgical procedure conducted ~~at~~ in a hospital **operating room**. As used in this subdivision, “circulating nurse” means a licensed registered nurse who is responsible for coordinating nursing care, responding to the safety needs of a patient in the operating room, and supporting the surgical team as appropriate during a procedure. A circulating nurse may leave the operating room for a short period of time during a procedure to perform an activity related to the procedure or, in accordance with hospital-specific protocols, may be relieved by another circulating nurse.