### Course Description:
This course will introduce the student to the needs of the surgical patient, with a focus on the special needs patient care concept, which includes adult, pediatric, geriatric, and bariatric patients. Discussion will also include types of consents, transportation and transfer of the surgical patient, preoperative patient routines, positioning, safety issues, and death and dying will be included. (2 hour lecture)

### Course Competency | Learning Outcomes
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**Competency 1:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role that Surgical Technologist plays with special population patients by: | • Communication  
• Critical thinking  
• Cultural / Global Perspective  
• Ethical Issues

1. Describing the basic physical and biological needs required to sustain life.  
2. Demonstrating appropriate behavior in response to the needs manifested by the surgical patient.  
3. Identifying and discussing the specific needs of the special populations.

**Competency 2:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of transportation and transfer of the surgical patient by: | • Communication  
• Critical thinking  
• Cultural / Global Perspective  
• Ethical Issues

1. Identifying methods of patient transportation.  
2. Discussing the factors related to the family members and transportation of the patient.  
3. Demonstrating the principles of safe transportation and employ the principles of body mechanics when transferring the surgical patient.
| Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of death and dying by: | • Communication  
• Critical thinking  
• Cultural / Global Perspective  
• Ethical Issues |

| 1. Evaluating attitudes, beliefs and classifications regarding death and dying.  
2. Compare and contrast responses to the process of death and various coping strategies and mechanisms.  
3. Tracing the steps that are implemented when a patient death occurs in the operating room. |