

Equipment and Tools to Use as a Nurse

In nursing there are many tools and objects needed throughout the work day. In each nursing career specialties there are nurses who all use the same tools such as a stethoscope and thermometer. But surgeons use certain scissors and equipment compared to the what other nurses may use.



Stethoscope: used for listening to someone's heartbeat and breathing by placing the small plate against the chest and the using the earpieces to listen.



Medical Scissors: used in surgeries, usually has curved blades; bandage scissors (shears) are used for cutting bandages or medical gauze without cutting the skin.



Pen Light: used for looking into the patient's eyes to get an idea on what their condition may be so the nurse will know how to treat the patient. Nurses and doctors use these to see how the eyes react to the light and check for pupil size.



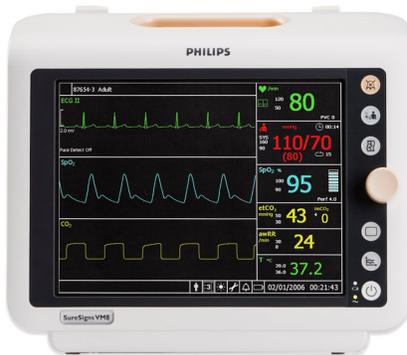
Blood Pressure Monitor: checks a patient's blood pressure rate and heart rate to see if the patient needs immediate care. Patients should remain calm and not anxious. If the patient is right-handed, check the patient's left arm and if they're left-handed check the right arm.



Thermometer: check the patient's temperature to see how to treat the patient.



Anesthesia Machine: This machine circulates inhalation of vapor gases and anesthesia to and from patients. It puts gases such as oxygen, medical air (which is similar to the we breathe but with more components in it), or nitrous oxide in the patient. If something goes wrong it will alert the nurse and the patient.



Vital Sign Monitor: This is a touch screen where a nurse can check blood pressure, heart rate, and respiration rates for a patient.



Ultrasound equipment: Also known as sonography, this uses high-frequency sound waves to see the structure inside a patient, their baby, or diagnose/treat conditions.