



PERFUSION SAFETY LEAD

Society of Clinical Perfusion Scientists (SCPS)

CORE PURPOSE

- Champion patient safety within the perfusion service.
- Lead systems, culture, and learning that prevent harm and promote excellence.

1 PATIENT SAFETY LEADERSHIP

- Visible safety advocate.
- Embeds just culture and psychological safety.
- Leads safety briefings and debriefings.

3 SAFETY COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

- Escalates safety issues to the Safety Committee.
- Disseminates reports from the SCPS website locally.
- Serves as the vital link between the Safety Committee and the individual Perfusion Department.

5 GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

- Ensures adherence to SCPS standards and relevant national guidance.
- Maintains SOPs, checklists, and emergency protocols.
- Supports audits and quality reviews.

2 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- Oversees Datix (or equivalent) incident reporting.
- Promotes NCR implementation and evaluates trends.
- Coordinates investigations aligned with PSIRF and human factors principles.
- Encourages feedback, learning events and action tracking.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT

- Maintains the perfusion risk register.
- Conducts risk assessments for new equipment, techniques, or processes.
- Identifies and escalates emerging risks.

6 TRAINING & COMPETENCY

- Coordinates safety-related training for the perfusion team.
- Oversees emergency drills and human factors education.
- Embeds a strong safety focus in induction and onboarding.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- Strong clinical perfusion knowledge.
- Human factors awareness.
- Analytical approach to incidents and risk.
- Clear, confident communicator.
- Organised, proactive, and detail-focused.

KEY DELIVERABLES

- Up-to-date perfusion risk register.
- Monthly/Quarterly safety summary
- Regular communication with the Safety Committee.
- Strong reporting culture (NCR/ DATIX).
- Current SOPs and emergency protocols.

LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION

- Agreed local escalation pathways.
- Clear reporting lines (e.g. to Chief Perfusionist /Governance Lead).
- Defined time allocation for the role.
- Integration with Trust-wide safety and risk systems.