WORKING WITH DR. MARC LEVITT

Conversation with Meron Semu | Surgical Technologist

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My name is Meron Semu. I am a surgical technologist at Children's National Medical Center. I have been working with Dr. Marc Levitt for over two years now. I started going to his ORs [operating rooms] randomly by assignment, and immediately we clicked and we worked very well together. I think one of the reasons we worked together is because we are both very detail-oriented individuals. I normally help him go through the day. I mean his way of doing stuff is very specific. I scrub, set up the table, gather everything that he might need for the surgeries. And throughout the surgery, I follow the steps to help him, hand him instruments. We pay attention to each other's movements, it's like dance, and his steps are most of the time very clear, so it's very easy for me to follow what he wants next. One of the greatest things about Dr. Levitt, is he pays attention to what's going on in a room, and he notices a person who is not necessarily outspoken, or a person who's just new, and just standing in the corner or trying to help the patient. He always introduced himself and gave a chance to the person to introduce themselves, which is amazing.