



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: CENTRAL WEST TEXAS
Classification: CERTIFIED SURGICAL ASSISTANT
Applicant Name:

<p>Certified Surgical Assistant (CSA): The Certified Surgical Assistant must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.</p>
<p>Definition of Care or Service: The Certified Surgical Assistant works under the direct supervision of a surgeon and provides aid in exposure, hemostasis, closure, and other intraoperative technical functions that help the surgeon carry out a safe operation with optimal results for the patient. The surgical assistant performs preoperative and postoperative duties to better facilitate proper patient care. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps in draping sterile field • Checks supplies and equipment needed for surgical procedure • Scrubs, gowns, and gloves • Gowns and gloves surgeon and assistants • Maintains highest standard of sterile technique during procedure • Passes instruments and other appropriate items to surgeon and assistants during procedure • Participates in appropriate surgical counts with the circulator prior to the operation and before incision is closed as per hospital policy • Prepares sterile dressings • Holds retractors or instruments as directed by the surgeon • Sponges or suction operative site • Applies electro cautery to clamps on bleeders • Connects drains to suction apparatus • Cuts suture material as directed by the surgeon • Applies dressings to closed wound • Positions the patient • Provides visualization of the operative site • Utilizes appropriate techniques to assist with hemostasis • Utilizes appropriate techniques to assist with closure of subcutaneous tissue and skin • Includes postoperative subcutaneous injection of local anesthetic as directed by the surgeon • Selects and applies appropriate wound dressings • Provides assistance in securing drainage systems to tissue • Applies tourniquets and demonstrates awareness of indication/contra indications • Applies vessel loops, clamps, and direct digital pressure • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians
<p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical services areas including but not limited to hospital operating room, labor and delivery, cath lab, radiology.
<p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct supervision by surgeon



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- Indirect supervision by surgery department director, site manager or designee

Evaluator: Surgeon / supervising physician in conjunction with surgery department director or designee

Tier Level: 3

eSAF Access Required: YES

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or higher
- Successful completion of a Surgical Assistant/Surgical Technology training program or training through one of the branches of the armed forces.
 - Preferred-training program obtained through CAAHEP.
- Certified as a Certified Surgical Assistant (CSA)
- American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification

NOTE: ALL EDUCATION and TRAINING MUST BE VERIFIED BY A THIRD PARTY FOR THE U.S. AND OUTSIDE THE U.S.
NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

State Requirements:

- N/A

Experience:

- N/A

Preferred Experience:

- Two years of CSA experience is preferred.

Competencies:

The Certified Surgical Assistant will demonstrate:

- Safe environment for patients
 - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - Labels containers used for blood and specimens in the presence of the patient
 - Labels all medications and solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and procedural settings
 - Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site / side and involves the patient in the verification process when possible.
 - Participates in a time-out immediately before the start of an invasive procedure
- Surgical First Assistant Skills
 - Assist with positioning, prepping, draping of patient
 - Provide visualization of the operative field by the use of retraction, scissors, or electrocautery, as directed by the surgeon
 - Assists the surgeon in providing hemostasis by:
 - Applying electrocautery tip to clamp or tissue in a safe manner, as directed by surgeon
 - Sponging and utilizing pressure
 - Providing suction
- Applying clamps on vessels and the tying or electrocoagulation of them, as directed by the surgeon
 - Placing hemoclips on vessels, as directed by the surgeon (in cardiac surgery only)
 - Provides closure of subcutaneous and skin layers
 - Performs suturing and stapling (external staples only)
 - Assists the surgeon at the completion of the procedure by:
 - Affixing and stabilizing drains



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- Cleansing the wound and applying the dressing
- Assist with application of cast, splints, and other devices
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) when required
 - Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

<http://www.caahep.org/>

- The ABSA is a privately held for profit company that issues the SA-C certificate.
- The NBSTSA is an NCCA accredited certifying body that issues a CST certificate for surgical technologists and the CSFA certificate to surgical assistants.
- The NSAA, through its certifying board, the NCCSA, which is in the process of NCCA accreditation, issues the CSA certificate to surgical assistants.

Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____