



# DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

<b>Division: FAR WEST</b>
<b>DHP Classification: LICENSED SURGICAL ASSISTANT</b>
<b>Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):</b>

<p><b>Licensed Surgical Assistant (LSA)</b>  The Licensed 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><b>Definition of Care or Service:</b>  The Licensed Surgical Assistant acts as an assistant to a surgeon during a surgical procedure. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assists the surgeon by providing retraction and aiding exposure of the operative site.</li> <li>• Anticipates the moves of the surgeon and assists in the safe and efficient completion of the surgical procedure</li> <li>• Facilitates hemostasis of the surgical site by performing suction, irrigation and sponging the operative site during a surgical procedure</li> <li>• Assists with skin or external suturing and stapling</li> <li>• Assists with securing drainage systems and dressings</li> <li>• Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians</li> </ul>
<p><b>Setting(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical services areas including but not limited to hospitals and outpatient surgery centers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supervision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct supervision by surgeon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indirect supervision by surgery department director, site manager or designee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluator:</b> Surgeon / supervising physician in conjunction with surgery department director or designee</p>
<p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of a Surgical Assistant or Surgical Tech program</li> <li>• Licensed as a Surgical Assistant through the state Medical Board when required</li> <li>• American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification</li> </ul>
<p><b>State Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License required in the state of California</li> </ul>
<p><b>Experience:</b>  One year experience as a Licensed First Surgical Assistant (LSA)</p>
<p><b>Competencies:</b>  The Licensed Surgical Assistant (LSA) will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe environment for patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure</li> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ Participates in a time-out immediately before the start of an invasive procedure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Surgical First Assistant Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assist with draping of patient</li> <li>○ Provide visualization of the operative field by the use of retraction, scissors, or electrocautery, as</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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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, as directed by surgeon
- Performs suturing and stapling (external staples only)
- Assists the surgeon at the completion of the procedure by:
  - Affixing and stabilizing drains
  - 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)
  - Required immunizations per DHP Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions
  - Complies with required surgical attire
  - Maintains sterile field

**References:**

- [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)
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**DHP Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DHP Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_