



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: NORTH TEXAS
DHP Classification: SURGICAL TECHNICIAN (NON-CERTIFIED – NON-LICENSED)
Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):
Surgical Technologist (Non-certified/Non-Licensed): The Surgical Technologist (Non-certified/Non-Licensed) 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.
Definition of Care or Service: The Surgical Technologist (Non-certified/Non-Licensed) acts as an assistant to a surgeon during a surgical procedure. Scope of Service may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares instruments, supplies and equipment essential to the surgical procedure • Maintains the sterile field • Passes instruments and anticipates needs of the surgeons • Assists the surgeon by providing retraction and aiding exposure of the operative site. • Anticipates the moves of the surgeon and assists in the safe and efficient completion of the surgical procedure • Facilitates hemostasis of the surgical site by performing suction, irrigation and sponging the operative site during a surgical procedure • Assists with skin or external suturing and stapling • Assists with securing drainage systems and dressings • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians
Setting(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical services areas including but not limited to hospitals and outpatient surgery centers
Supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct supervision by surgeon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indirect supervision by surgery department director, site manager or designee Evaluator: Surgery department director in conjunction with surgeon(s)
Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of an accredited program for Surgical Technologist or Surgical Assistant or equivalent military medical training • Prefer Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) or Certified Surgical Assistant (CSA) • American Heart Association BLS certificate required
State Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Experience: Two years of Surgical Tech experience is preferred. The Surgical Technologist provides documentation that they have functioned as a Surgical Technologist/Assistant for at least 25 surgical cases within their specific scope of service within the last 12 months
Competencies: The Surgical Tech will demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe environment for patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure



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- 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 preprocedure 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 Tech 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
 - 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)
 - Maintains current immunization for influenza
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Complies with required surgical attire
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

DHP Printed Name: _____ **DHP Signature:** _____

Company/Vendor: _____ **Date:** _____