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The proposal mentions two surgical technology educational facilities in Nebraska. A letter from Robert Frey indicates Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, NE also has a surgical technology program. Why is the applicant group omitting this facility from their list?

In the proposal the scope of practice applying staples and skin adhesives has been proposed. Do current surgical technology students receive education in placement of staples and adhesives on an incision? If so, how long has this been taught? If not, what type of education will be developed for surgical technologists who did not receive those procedures in their education?

The proposal has a lengthy list of proposed scope of practice. Can the applicant group supply what level of supervision, direct or indirect, will be required to perform those duties? Also their definition of direct and indirect supervision?

It is mentioned in the application there are 60 hours of continuing education in a four year period. Are there specific courses required? Can they all be obtained on line or must they attend lectures? Are there testing modalities to assure competency?

If the National Surgical First Assistant Exam allows Certified Surgical Technologists with 350 cases and 2 years of surgical first assisting experience to sit for the exam. Why was there a group at the first meeting stating that a surgical technologist was breaking the law if he/she was currently performing the duties of a surgical first assistant?

What assurance can the hospital and surgical centers offer the public that proper infection control has been followed if the people, surgical technologist, have no requirements for education or licensure?

Respectfully submitted,
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