

Current Role “Hierarchy” Based on Education/Training

SURGICAL SUITE STAFF PRESENT DURING PROCEDURE

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)

- Nurse Practitioner
- CRNA
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Physician Assistant (PA)

Registered Nurse-First Assist Designation (RNFA)

- RN (as recognized in Nebraska)
- RNFA is recognized by the Nebraska Board of Nursing (Jan. 1989 Advisory Opinion)
- First Assist

Surgical First Assistant-Certified by national board (CSFA)

- CSFA (not recognized in Nebraska)
- Surgical First Assistant

Surgical Technologist-Certified by national board (CST)

- CST (not recognized in Nebraska)
- Surgical Technologist
- Circulating Surgical Technologist
- Second Assisting Technologist

Surgical Technologist

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- Scrub Surgical Technologist
- “Scrub Tech”

SUPERVISING PRACTITIONERS

- Surgeon/Physician/Licensed Independent Practitioner
- Circulating Nurse (RN)

These individuals supervise surgical suite staff as determined by hospital or clinic policy dictating surgical suite supervision.

TERTIARY SURGICAL STAFF

- Anesthesiologist (MD)
- Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)

These individuals do not supervise and are not responsible for the actions of other surgical staff and are supervised only by the physician.