

RN FIRST ASSISTANT - DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGE FORM

Credentialing period effective for 2 years

MAIN FUNCTION: Functions as the assistant to the operating surgeon during the operative procedure and provides comprehensive nursing management of care during the peri-operative phase. Does not concurrently function as a scrub nurse.

EDUCATION REQUIRED: Minimal formal education required to perform the job:

1. Graduate of accredited School of Nursing - RN
2. Successful completion of RN First Assistant course and internship equivalent to one year of formal academic post-basic nursing study, which takes place at a college or university approved by the appropriate Regional Accrediting Body for Higher Education, in which the curriculum addressed all the content areas of the modules of the Core Curriculum for the RN First Assistant and college credits are awarded along with a degree or certificate, (course meets the AORN Recommended Education Standards for RN First Assistant Programs).

MINIMUM TIME TO LEARN JOB: The minimum time required to learn the job is 3 - 6 months; relative to opportunity for experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Special requirements for RNFA's are:

1. Licensed as a Registered Nurse in the State of New York.
2. C.P.R. Certification (Attach a copy of certification)
3. CNOR Certification (Attach a copy of certification)
4. Minimum of 5 years diversified perioperative nursing experience; both scrubbing and circulating proficiency.

REPORTS TO: Clinical Director of Surgery/Nursing Director Surgical Services

DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES:

	<u>Requested:</u>	<u>Granted:</u>
1. Provides preoperative patient assessment and teaching	_____	_____
2. Recognizes safety hazards and initiates appropriate corrective action.	_____	_____
3. Applies principles of asepsis and infection control skillfully.	_____	_____
4. Applies knowledge of surgical anatomy, physiology and operative technique relative to operative procedures wherein the RNFA assists.	_____	_____
5. Performs positioning, prepping and draping of the patient.	_____	_____
6. Provides hemostasis by clamping blood vessels, coagulating bleeding points, ligating vessels and by other means as directed by the surgeon.	_____	_____

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7. Provides exposure through appropriate use of instruments, retractors, suctioning and sponging techniques.	_____	_____
8. Handles tissue as directed by the surgeon during the operative procedure.	_____	_____
9. Performs wound closure as directed by the surgeon; sutures the peritoneum, fascia, subcutaneous tissue and skin.	_____	_____
10. Applies surgical dressings.	_____	_____
11. Assists with transferring the patient from the operating room.	_____	_____
12. Performs postoperative patient evaluation and teaching.	_____	_____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Medical Director's Signature

Date