

NATCHITOCHEs REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Scope of Services
REGISTERED NURSE SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT

The RN Surgical First Assistant practices perioperative nursing and has acquired the knowledge, skills, and judgement necessary to assist the surgeon through organized instruction and supervised practice. The RN Surgical First Assistant performs under the direct supervision of the operating surgeon by whom they are employed. RN Surgical First Assistants are not employees of the hospital. They must not concurrently serve as a scrub or instrument "nurse".

These individuals are required to complete an application, which is reviewed by the hospital's credentials committee, and are reviewed every two years.

Scope of services granted to RN Surgical First Assistants will be under the direct supervision of the operating physician, who must be in the operative room until the procedure is completed and accepts responsibility for all action of the RN Surgical First Assistant.

Mark through any duty you do not wish to perform. RN Surgical First Assistants are allowed to:

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| - Interview patient for health history | - Perform nursing assessment |
| - Education the patient | - Handle tissue |
| - Provide exposure | - Suture skin and subcutaneous tissue |
| - Provide hemostasis | - Use instruments |
| - Suction | - Clean/Dress Wounds |
| - Remove Sutures | - Assist with bedside procedures |
| - Assist surgeon during operation | - Make nursing rounds with/ without physician |
| - Assist with patient positioning, skin
postoperativepreparation & draping | - Assist with discharge planning and
teaching |
| - Transcribe verbal orders | - Other: _____
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I am mentally and physically capable of performing the services in which I am requesting:

Applicant Name

Applicants Signature

Date

I have assessed that my above named employee is competent to perform the duties requested. He/she will be under my direction at all times, and I agree to assume full legal, clinical and ethical responsibility for his/her actions in dealing with my patients who are treated at Natchitoches Regional Medical Center. He/she is covered under my malpractice policy.

Physicians Signature

Date