

Natchitoches Regional Medical Center  
Scope of Services  
Registered Nurse Surgical Technician

The RN Surgical Technician practices in perioperative nursing and has the acquired knowledge and skills to assist in surgical operations and invasive procedures under the supervision of the surgeon by whom they are employed. The RN Surgical Technician is not an employee of the hospital.

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 Technician 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 actions of the RN Surgical Technician.

**RN Surgical Technicians are allowed to:**

- Interview patient for health history
- Educate the patient
- Make nursing rounds with physician
- Assist with patient positioning, preoperative preparation & draping
- Transcribe verbal orders
- Perform Nursing assessment
- Handle tissue
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- During surgery:
- Pass instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeon and surgical assists.
- Hold retractors
- Suction
- Cut sutures
- Help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.
- Help apply dressings

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am mentally and physically capable of performing the services in which I am requesting:

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Applicant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant 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.

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Physician Signature

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Date