

Heart Hospital of New Mexico
 Surgery Department
Surgical Assist
 Allied Health Professional
 Category III
 Core Privilege Request Form

Having reviewed the requirements for each set of privileges in the following pages, I would request the following privileges:

Place a check mark in the appropriate box for each set of privileges. Cross out any procedures not currently performed in your clinical practice.

Privilege	Procedures	Requested	Not Requested
CORE I PRIVILEGES			
	<p>This position assists professional staff in providing care for the operative patient before, during and after surgery. The First Assistant provides aid in exposure, hemostasis, wound closure and other technical functions that will help the surgeon carry out a safe operation with optimal results for the patient. Assists the operating room staff in all functions needed to support the needs of the operating room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participates in direct patient care and ensures a safe and comforting environment. • Assures that patient equipment and supplies are available and in operating condition. • Performs clinical quality improvement activities such as patient satisfaction, physician satisfaction and staff satisfaction. • Assists with the positioning, prepping and draping of the patient. • Provides hemostasis by clamping blood vessels, coagulating bleeding points, ligating vessels, and by other means as directed and supervised by the surgeon. • Provides exposure through appropriate use of instruments, retractors, suctioning and sponging techniques. • Handles tissues as directed by the surgeon. • Applies surgical dressings. • Assists with transferring the patient from the operating room. • Opens and closes incision. • Vein retrieval. • Performs Point of Care procedures in a timely manner according to established policy and procedure. Documents required information and complies with all Point of Care quality control standards 		

I attest by signature that I have met the minimum criteria of procedures/diagnoses management within my clinical practice for the procedures requested above, and I agree to provide documentation of said procedures/diagnoses management if requested.

Applicant Signature

Date

Print Name

The Department Chairperson accepts this applicant's attestation that he/she meets the minimum criteria for privileges requested.

___ Yes ___ No

Department Chair Signature

Date

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Delineation of Core Privileges
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A) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Education:

- RN or completed Surgical First assistant Certification Program
- OR**
- Surgical Technologist with certificate from Surgical First Assistant Certification Program

Experience: Two (2) years continuous experience in an operating room or must meet licensure/certification requirements.

Licensure/Certification: RN license or Surgical Technologist certification with two (2) years first assist experience and 150 documented cases or if applicant does not meet the requirement of 150 documented cases, applicant must be proctored for the first ten (10) cases by the supervising physician.

Clinical References:

- As outlined in the Procedure for Appointment, Reappointment and Clinical Privileges of Allied Health Professionals of the Heart Hospital of New Mexico.

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