



Position Statement on Dissecting, Altering and Removing Tissue by the CSA

The National Surgical Assistant Association acknowledges that the Certified Surgical Assistant performs, under direction and supervision, specific significant surgical tasks (**significant surgical procedures include: opening and closing, harvesting grafts, dissecting tissue, removing tissue, implanting devices, altering tissues**)* that assist the surgeon in performing a safe operation most favorable for the patient.

Therefore, it is the position of the NSAA that individuals, who hold a valid credential of CSA, have the knowledge and experience to perform those tasks as related to significant surgical tasks as defined in the State Operations Manual Appendix A - Survey Protocol, Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals.

***Interpretive Guidelines §482.51(b)(6)**