



Position Statement on Opening & Closing 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)**