

**MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS  
GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING AS A  
SURGICAL SCRUB TECHNOLOGIST**

**I. DEFINITION**

The Surgical Scrub Technologist assists the surgeon in performing a safe operation with optimal outcomes for the patient. The Surgical Scrub Technologist practices **under the supervision of the surgeon** during the intraoperative phase of the perioperative experience.

**II. QUALIFICATIONS**

A Surgical Scrub Technologist must meet the following qualifications to be considered for appointment to the Allied Health Professional staff:

- One of the following: (1) current LVN Licensure in Texas, (2) a graduate of a surgical technology training program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or (3) completion of comparably-documented military training.
- Able to apply principles of asepsis and infection control.
- Professional liability/malpractice insurance coverage issued by a recognized company and a type and in an amount equal to or greater than the limits established by the governing board.
- Current TB screening (required upon initial application and at reappointment), and if applicable, one-time mask fit-testing.
- Basic Cardiac Life Support (minimum).

**III. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES**

The following are duties the Surgical Scrub Technologist may perform under the direction of a physician:

- Hand instruments.
- Suction.
- Sponge.
- Cut Suture.
- Retract tissue.
- Check surgical supplies and instruments for completeness.
- Cauterize an instrument in the doctor's hand upon order.
- Apply dressings.
- Remove skin sutures and staples when ordered by the doctor.
- Make rounds with the physician.
- Change dressings as ordered by the doctor.
- Assist physician with treatments or procedures performed in the patient's room or treatment room.
- Closure of all wound layers (fascia, subcutaneous and skin) – will be allowed upon written request by the supervising physician, attesting to the CST's training and competency to perform closure. (attached attestation must be signed by supervising physician)

**IV. ORIENTATION**

These Allied Health Professionals must be oriented to Midland Memorial Hospital's Operating Room Policies and Procedures and must have their sterile technique assessed by the Surgical Educator. They must also complete MMH's Allied Health orientation.

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Practitioner's Printed Name

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Supervising Physician's Printed Name

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Practitioner's Signature

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Supervising Physician's Signature

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Chair/Section Chief Signature

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Date

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
STATEMENT OF SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN  
FOR CERTIFIED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST (CST)  
TO PERFORM CLOSURE

I hereby verify \_\_\_\_\_, applicant for Allied Health Professional privileges at Midland Memorial Hospital, is in my employment and/or under my supervision as a Surgical Scrub Technologist. \_\_\_\_\_ is competent to perform surgical closure of all wound layers (fascia, subcutaneous and skin) as stated in the "Description of Duties" section of the *Allied Health Professional's Guidelines for Performing as a Physician's Surgical Scrub Technologist*. Further, I hereby verify that I have conducted on-the-job training and instruction with the applicant and I am attesting to competency to perform surgical closure, or, I verified on-the-job training in his/her prior employment and \_\_\_\_\_ has demonstrated his/her technique to me prior to performing surgical closure at Midland Memorial Hospital.

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Signature of Employing/Supervising Medical Staff Member

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Date

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Name of Employing/Supervising Medical Staff Member

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Signature of Allied Health Professional Applicant

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Date

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Name of Allied Health Professional Applicant