

## Delineation Of Privileges

### Surgical First Assistant (CFA or RNFA) Privileges

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**RN First Assistant (RNFA)**

1. Graduation from an accredited school of nursing.
2. Completion of a RNFA program.
3. Licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee.
4. Evidence of successful completion of the RNFA exam.
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5. Documented/ demonstrated knowledge and skills to perform First Assistant role in Surgery.
6. Active supervision agreement with a physician(s) who is/are currently an Active member, in good standing and a member of the Department of Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, or Orthopedic Surgery, of the Medical Staff of the Erlanger.
7. Current Basic Life support (BLS).

**Certified Surgical First Assistant**

1. Graduation from an approved Surgical Technologist school
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**CLINICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Record Information in Patient's legal record  
Level of Supervisory: None

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**CLINICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Remove sutures and perform dressing charges.  
Level Of Supervision: indirect

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**CLINICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Remove Drains, other than chest tubes.  
Level Of Supervision: Indirect

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**CLINICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Remove wound packing.  
Level Of Supervision: Indirect

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**CLINICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Remove temporary pacing wires, if applicable.  
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**SURGICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Perform Individualized surgical care management before, during and post operatively.  
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**SURGICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Assist with the insertion and removal of Foley urinary bladder catheter.  
Level of Supervision: Indirect

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**SURGICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Placement of pneumatic tourniquet to control operative blood loss.  
Level of Supervision: Indirect

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**SURGICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Placement of X-rays for reference.  
Level of Supervision: Indirect

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**SURGICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Insert drainage tubes  
Level of Supervision: Present

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**SURGICAL PRIVILEGES:**

Apply wound dressings  
Level of Supervision: Indirect

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**SURGICAL PRIVILEGES:**

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