



Position Statement Utilization of the CST for the Performance of Cesarean Section and Tubal Ligation

As stated in the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) resolution “Role of the Scrub Person”, the surgical technologist who performs the role of the scrub person is practicing surgical technology. Surgical technologists are individuals who complete surgical technology education and function as members of the surgical team in the role of the scrub person under the broad delegatory authority of the physician, as defined by the American College of Surgeons, the provisions for which vary from state to state and according to state law and health care facility policy.

Therefore, it is the position of AST that individuals who work in the operating room, regardless of the location of the operating room, e.g., Surgery Department or Labor and Delivery Department, practicing surgical technology during surgical procedures including Cesarean sections and tubal ligation procedures should be a graduate of an accredited surgical technology program and attained the credential of Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).