



## SURGEON LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ RN License # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervising Surgeon:** The above candidate is requesting you validate his/her skills, knowledge and level of proficiency to enable their application to be considered for the Registered Nurse Assistant At Surgery Certification (RNAS-C) Exam with National Assistant At Surgery Certification (NASc). RN First Assistant definition per AORN: "The RN First Assistant at surgery collaborates with the surgeon and the healthcare team in performing a safe operation with optimal outcomes for the patient. The RN First Assistant practices perioperative nursing and must have acquired the necessary knowledge, skills and judgement specific to clinical practice. The RN First Assistant practices in collaboration with and at the direction of the surgeon during the intraoperative phase of the perioperative experience. The RNFA does not concurrently function as a scrub nurse."

I attest that (print candidates name) \_\_\_\_\_, while under my direct supervision as a surgeon, has independently and consistently demonstrated the core skills and knowledge listed below and is a safe and proficient assistant at surgery. Furthermore, the candidate has worked as a first assistant under my direct supervision from \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year) to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year).

### Core skills and knowledge to attest to on behalf of the candidate:

- Promotes a safe perioperative environment, recognizes limitations and performs first assisting duties safely, within state laws and hospital policies as well as following the nursing process as a first assistant.
- Timely anticipates the needs of the surgeon by demonstrating a thorough understanding of anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology and the progression of the surgical procedures they perform.
- Assists and/or performs appropriate patient positioning and prepping of the surgical site.
- Demonstrates appropriate tissue handling, instrument selection and utilization for safe and optimal exposure, dissection and closure.
- Properly identifies tissues and utilizes recognized principals of wound healing to close tissues and layers.
- Demonstrates appropriate suturing techniques, knot tying and suture selection.
- Utilizes appropriate temporary and permanent hemostatic techniques and agents to minimize blood loss and preserve tissues.

### The candidate has my professional recommendation for RNAS-C certification as an Assistant at Surgery.

MD/DO Name \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital or Surgery Center Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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