

 **Registered Nurse First Assistant**  Version 1.0  Scope

 **P383369:** The scope of practice for Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) includes preoperative patient care management, intraoperative surgical first assisting and postoperative patient care management. The RNFA works in collaboration with other health care providers, including, but not limited to: preoperative evaluations, communicating and collaborating regarding the patient plan of care, writing preoperative orders according to established protocols; intraoperative surgical first assisting, including, but not limited to using instruments/medical devices, providing exposure, handing and/or cutting tissues, providing hemostasis, and suturing; postoperative patient management in collaboration with other health care providers in the immediate postoperative period including, but limited to writing postoperative orders/operative notes according to established protocols, participating in postoperative rounds, and assisting with discharge planning.

 **P383371:** Category I privileges for Registered Nurse First Assistant - Intern (RNFA-Intern) - Completed didactic first assistant education. Assigned to surgeon preceptor until completion of clinical internship.

 **P383373:** Category II privileges for Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) - Completed clinical internship with minimum of 120 hours clinical preceptorship experience under supervision of surgeon.

 **P383375:** Category III privileges for Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant (CRNFA) - RNFA with national certification. Meets the requisites of Certification Board of Perioperative Nursing including but not limited to 2000 documented clinical hours first assisting.

  **Diagnosis and Management (D&M):**

 **P383377:** Writes perioperative orders according to established protocols

 **P383379:** Performs preoperative evaluations and focused nursing assessment and collaborates with other healthcare providers regarding patient plan of care

  **Procedures:**

 **P383381:** Provides exposure of the operative site using instruments, retractors, suctioning and sponging techniques

 **P383383:** Provides hemostasis using non-crushing clamps

 **P383385:** Provides hemostasis using cautery and local hemostatic agents

 **P383387:** Provides hemostasis using ligation

 **P383389:** Prepares ACL graft

 **P383391:** Harvests and prepares vein graft for cardiovascular procedures

 **P383393:** Closes incision

  **Other (Facility- or provider-specific privileges only):**