



# TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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SECTION MEDICAL STAFF

TITLE: Surgical Procedures Requiring Assistants

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## SURGERY DEPARTMENT

Competent assistants should be available for certain elective surgical procedures that would require an assistant. In many cases, the complexity of the surgery will require the assistance of a second physician or trained surgical assistant to provide safe, quality patient care.

In such situations, the judgement of the primary surgeon to request assistance at a specific surgical procedure, should not be overruled by regulatory agencies or third-party payers.

Further, in the judgement of the surgeon, there may be procedures in which an assistant is determined to be necessary.

Whether or not an assistant is required shall be determined by the primary surgeon for every case on an individual basis.

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**SURGICAL PROCEDURES REQUIRING AN ASSISTANT – MAJOR**  
**None of the procedures listed below “require” a Physician to assist:**

**GENERAL SURGERY**

Thoracic

Thoracoscopy and Thoracotomy thoracic procedures for pulmonary resections, thoracic aorta, and thoracic esophagus.

Laparoscopy or Laparotomy, operative (Other than simple diagnostic)

Correction of thoracic outlet syndrome

Esophageal resection/repair

Repair traumatic cardiac injuries

Vascular

Aorto-iliac reconstruction with or without grafts

Peripheral arterial reconstruction with or without grafts

Radical neck dissection

**ENT SURGERY**

Cordotomy – Rhizotomy

Radical neck dissection

**OPHTHALMOLOGIC SURGERY**

Complex procedures in vitreoretina, glaucoma, cornea, oculo-plastics, pediatrics and neuro-ophthalmology

Eye muscle resection, recession tenotomy and transpositioning

Retinal detachment

**OBSTETRICS – GYNECOLOGY SURGERY**

Anterior and Posterior Colporrhaphies

Cesarean Hysterectomy

Cesarean Section

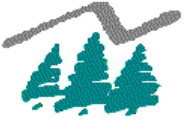
Hysterectomy – Abdominal and Vaginal

Hysterotomy

Laparoscopy or Laparotomy, operative (Other than simple diagnostic)

Sacrospinous Vaginal vault suspension

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**ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

Facial Reconstruction

Surgical repair of dentofacial deformities (Orthognathis Surgery).

TMJ Arthroplasty

**ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY**

Amputations

Arthroplasty – Hip, Knee

Arthroscopy – With reconstructive surgery

Bone Grafting

Cervical – Approach (Anterior)

Cervical – Disc, Tumor, Etc

Complex fractures or dislocations

Flexor tendon repairs

Laminectomy – Lumbar

Ligament repair/reconstruction

Peripheral Nerve Repairs

Reconstructive surgeries – Including Foot and Ankle Procedures

Shoulder surgery

Tendon Surgery

Graft

Transplant

Total Joint Replacements

**PLASTIC SURGERY**

Major reconstructive (Breast, Cranio facial surgery)

**PODIATRY**

None.

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**UROLOGICAL SURGERY**

- Cystectomy – Total
- Drainage – Nephrostomy (Open)
- Pyelostomy
- Enerocele
- Lithotomy - Pelvic (Open)
- Nephrectomy –Partial
- Total
- Penectomy - Partial
- Total
- Prostatectomy
  - Perineal – Radical
  - Retropubic – Radical
  - Suprapubic
- Radical node dissection
- Ureteral Lithotomy
- Ureteral or diversion
  - Cecal
  - Colo
  - Cutaneous
  - Ileal
- Ureteral repair – Transplant
- Ureteroileal conduit
- Ureteroneocystostomy
- Urethrectomy – Radical

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