

**WAC 246-918-250 Basic physician assistant-surgical assistant (PASA) duties.** The physician assistant-surgical assistant (PASA) who is not eligible to take the NCCPA certifying exam shall:

(1) Function only in the operating room as approved by the commission;

(2) Only be allowed to close skin and subcutaneous tissue, placing suture ligatures, clamping, tying and clipping of blood vessels, and cauterizing for hemostasis under direct supervision;

(3) Only be allowed to assist the operating surgeon. The PASA may not perform any independent surgical procedures, even under direct supervision;

(4) Have no prescriptive authority; and

(5) Only write operative notes. The PASA may not write any progress notes or order(s) on hospitalized patients.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.017, 18.130.050, chapter 18.71A RCW, and 2013 c 203. WSR 15-04-122, § 246-918-250, filed 2/3/15, effective 3/6/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.017 and 18.71A.020. WSR 96-03-073, § 246-918-250, filed 1/17/96, effective 2/17/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71A.020 and 18.71.060. WSR 93-21-016, § 246-918-250, filed 10/11/93, effective 11/11/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.017. WSR 92-12-089 (Order 278B), § 246-918-250, filed 6/3/92, effective 7/4/92; WSR 91-06-030 (Order 147B), recodified as § 246-918-250, filed 2/26/91, effective 3/29/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71A.020. WSR 89-13-002 (Order PM 850), § 308-52-650, filed 6/8/89, effective 9/30/89.]