Chapter 246-939 WAC
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST PROGRAM

WAC 246-939-005 What is the purpose of these rules? These rules:
(1) Implement the law passed by the legislature to register surgical technologists and place them under chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
(2) Inform the public of who must register under this law.
(3) Inform applicants and registrants of the type of actions that can lead to discipline against their credential.
(4) Inform applicants of their recourse in the event their application is denied.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.215 RCW and RCW 18.130.050 and 18.215.040. WSR 01-14-044, § 246-939-005, filed 6/29/01, effective 7/30/01.]

WAC 246-939-010 Who can delegate to a surgical technologist? Health care practitioners who may delegate as referenced in RCW 18.215.010 and include:
(1) Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW.
(2) Registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW.
(3) Osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW.
(4) Osteopathic physician assistants licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW.
(5) Podiatric physicians licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW.
(6) Dentists licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW.
(7) Physician's assistants and physician's assistant surgical assistants licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW.
(8) Naturopathic physicians as licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.215 RCW and RCW 18.130.050. WSR 00-23-119, § 246-939-010, filed 11/22/00, effective 12/23/00.]

WAC 246-939-020 How do I register as a surgical technologist? (1) How do I obtain a registration application?
(a) Applicant may obtain an application by contacting the department. Applicants must return the completed application to be registered.
(b) Completed original applications shall be sent to the department of health.
(e) All applicants shall refer to chapter 246-12 WAC, Parts 1, 2, 10, and 11.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.215 RCW and RCW 18.130.050. WSR 00-23-119, § 246-939-030, filed 11/22/00, effective 12/23/00.]
WAC 246-939-040  How do I renew my surgical technologist registration if it has expired?  (1) If the credential has expired for three years or less, the practitioner must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) If the credential has expired for more than three years, the practitioner must reapply for registration under the requirements of this chapter and the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.215 RCW and RCW 18.130.050 and 18.215.040. WSR 01-14-044, § 246-939-040, filed 6/29/01, effective 7/30/01.]

WAC 246-939-050  Are there tasks a surgical technologist is not allowed to do?  Tasks that shall not be performed by a surgical technologist include:

(1) Activities that constitute the practice of medicine under the Medical Practice Act in RCW 18.71.011 including: Prescribing or administering; penetrating or severing tissue, including, but not limited to, suturing and cutting/incisions, regardless of instrumentality.

(2) Dispensing medications, as defined in RCW 18.64.-011 and 69.41.010.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.215 RCW and RCW 18.130.050. WSR 00-23-119, § 246-939-050, filed 11/22/00, effective 12/23/00.]

WAC 246-939-990  Surgical technologists—Fees and renewal cycle.  (1) Registration must be renewed every year on registrant's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged for registration:

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[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.110, 43.70.250, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 50. WSR 11-20-092, § 246-939-990, filed 10/4/11, effective 12/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250, [43.70]280 and 43.70.110. WSR 05-12-012, § 246-939-990, filed 5/20/05, effective 7/1/05. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.215 RCW. WSR 99-24-097, § 246-939-990, filed 11/30/99, effective 12/31/99.]