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Certified Surgical First Assistant (CSFA)

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SUMMARY

Certified surgical first assistant with 7 years in the operating room, the last 4 first-assisting in general, orthopedic and robotic surgery. Assists on about 450 cases a year, performs layered closure independently and trained 6 surgical technologists moving into first-assist roles.

EXPERIENCE

Surgical First Assistant — Nuuanu Valley Medical Center

Honolulu, HI · Mar 2022 – Present

- First-assist on about 450 cases a year across general, orthopedic and robotic surgery for 11 attending surgeons.
- Close fascia, subcutaneous tissue and skin independently on roughly 70% of cases, freeing surgeons for the next room.
- Dock the robot and manage bedside instruments on 120 robotic cases a year, keeping average docking time under 6 minutes.
- Position and pad patients for 8 procedure types and helped update the pressure injury checklist that cut OR-related skin injuries to zero over 2 years.
- Trained 6 surgical technologists for first-assist roles through a 12-week shadowing plan, all 6 passing their CSFA exam.

Certified Surgical Technologist — Kaneohe Bayview Hospital

Kaneohe, HI · Jun 2018 – Feb 2022

- Scrubbed about 900 cases a year in general, gynecologic and orthopedic surgery across 6 operating rooms.
- Kept counts of sponges, sharps and instruments with zero retained-item events in 3,600 cases.
- Built 14 preference cards for new surgeons, cutting case-pick errors reported by sterile processing by about half.

SKILLS

First assist: Exposure and retraction, hemostasis, suturing and layered closure, camera operation, wound dressing

Specialties: General, orthopedic, robotic (da Vinci Xi), gynecologic, endoscopic vein harvest

Safety: Surgical counts, patient positioning, time-out procedures, aseptic technique

Teaching: Precepting technologists, preference cards, case-based training plans

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Surgical First Assistant (CSFA), NBSTSA, 2022

Basic Life Support (BLS), American Heart Association, renewed 2025

EDUCATION

Surgical First Assisting Certificate, Leahi Health Sciences Institute, 2021

AAS, Surgical Technology, Windward Isle Community College, 2018

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