## 246ZC0007X SURGICAL ASSISTANT Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code Set

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## 246ZC0007X Surgical Assistant

Taxonomy Code	246ZC0007X
Status	Active
Level	Level III Area of Specialization
Short Name	Surgical Assistant
Full Name	Surgical Assistant
Level I, Provider Grouping	Technologists, Technicians & Other Technical Service Providers
Level II, Classification	Specialist/Technologist, Other
Description	A surgical assistant is a skilled practitioner who has undergone formalized education and training as a surgical assistant. The surgical assistant performs surgical functions that include, but are not limited to: retracting, manipulating, suturing, clamping, cauterizing, litigating, and tying tissue; suctioning, irrigating and sponging; positioning the patient; closure of body planes and skin; and participating in hemostasis and volume replacement. Surgical assistants are certified and registered or licensed by the state, or, in states without licensure, certified as surgical assistants by completing appropriate education and training.
Additional Information	Source: Association of Surgical Assistants, 2014. [7/1/2007: new, 7/1/2014: title modified, definition modified] http://www.surgicalassistant.org/index.php/surgical-assisting Additional Resources: National Surgical Assistant Association, www.nsaa.net.

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