

New privilege for Surgical Assist

A standalone privilege for surgical assist is now available in the C&P system (CACTUS software). Although the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC grants a *surgical assist only* license, until now there has not been a privilege to match this type of practitioner and health authorities have used several different methods to grant such permissions. The new privilege provides a clear and coherent provincial approach to privileges for surgical assist in BC.

Who will use the Surgical Assist privilege?

The surgical assist privilege applies to practitioners who do not have surgical assist as a core privilege or if they will not complete any other practice dictionary.

APPLICATION OF THE SURGICAL ASSIST NON-CORE PRIVILEGE	
CORE PRIVILEGE Does NOT use Surgical Assist dictionary	Surgical Assist exists as core within a practitioner's discipline dictionary. <i>Ex. Practitioners with health authority facility privileges in family medicine or a surgical discipline.</i>
NON-CORE PRIVILEGE Will use Surgical Assist dictionary	As an additional non-core privilege for practitioners with privileges in a discipline in which surgical assist is not core. <i>Ex. An anesthetist who also assists at times.</i>
SURGICAL ASSIST ONLY Will use Surgical Assist dictionary	As the only thing that a practitioner does, when they have no other privileges. <i>Ex. A clinician who provides no other kind of patient care within the health authority facility.</i>

Please note that surgical assists may come from almost any medical specialty. Anesthesia or family medicine practitioners can move into surgical assist without effort. Midwives may provide C-section assists with specific privileging and training defined by the College of Midwifery. Nurse practitioner first assist also exists as a specialty practice.

How to request Surgical Assist privileges

SCENARIO	PROCESS
If you obtain privileges in Family Medicine or a surgical discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical assist is a core privilege in your discipline. No further action is required.
If you have not previously sought Surgical Assist privileges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that your local medical affairs office add the Surgical Assist dictionary to your re/appointment application.
If you held Surgical Assist privileges in your last re/appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your local medical affairs office should provide the Surgical Assist dictionary with your next reappointment application.

All practitioners should note that as reappointments are completed, the new standalone dictionary for Surgical Assist will replace any prior additional privileges for the same.

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Dictionary refresh

Reviews in progress

This September, a review panel began work on the Emergency Medicine privileging dictionary. This panel joins the current list of active reviews for the three Family Practice dictionaries, as well as psychiatry, anesthesiology, anatomical pathology, diagnostic imaging, general pathology, hospital medicine, OB-GYN, and plastic surgery.

Sub-panels are also underway for interventional pain management, acute stroke endovascular treatment and clinical practitioners in oncology.

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Questions or concerns about AppCentral or the provincial privileging dictionaries? See the resources at www.bcmqi.ca or contact your medical leader or local medical administration office.

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