



ASA/NSAA JOINT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Association of Surgical Assistants (ASA) and National Surgical Assistant Association (NSAA) continue to commit our efforts toward supporting the profession of the non-physician surgical assistant.

To this end, we have embarked on the establishment of joint committees on minimum educational standards, legislative efforts, healthcare reimbursement, and ethical billing practices.

We recognize there are several legitimate pathways for students and allied health professionals to reach status as a practicing surgical assistant. To better protect each of these, and provide impetus for continual improvement for all, we have also begun investigating the prospect of establishing a national registry for credentialed surgical assistant practitioners. We believe a national registry will serve to facilitate verification of credentials and unify the profession within the healthcare community.

Both boards are fully committed to continued collaborative discussions.