Position Statement
Performance of Wound Closure
by the CFA

The performance and complexity of surgical procedures, and the expanding role and
duties of the CFA have contributed to the need for these professionals to perform
intraoperative technically advanced functions, including wound closure under the
direction of the surgeon that contribute to the efficient and safe conduct of the operation.
Wound closure is performed under the broad delegatory authority of the physician, as
defined by the American College of Surgeons, the provisions for which vary from state to
state and according to state law and health care facility policy.

Therefore, it is the position of AST that only the individual who has attained the
credential of CFA has the knowledge, training and experience to perform advanced task
functions in the closure of body planes.