



### **ASA Position Statement on Surgical Assisting in Robotics**

As defined in position statements by the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association, surgical assistants are trained individuals who function to assist the surgeon to complete a safe and efficient operation by performing the tasks of exposure of the operating field, maintaining hemostasis and other technical functions.

The Association of Surgical Assistants recognizes in their position statement on Assisting that the role of the surgical assistant is differentiated by education and that surgical assistants are educated in the advanced surgical procedure details and the principles of surgical assisting. The Association of Surgical Assistants advocates that all surgical assistant practitioners be appropriately educated, certified, and credentialed according to all federal, state, local and facility-specific regulations and policies to function as a surgical assistant in any case including those that require robotic equipment and instrumentation.