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**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.