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POLICY

A podiatric physician and surgeon is allowed to be an assistant surgeon only within their defined scope of practice. If a podiatric physician and surgeon is acting as an assistant surgeon, that practice may only pertain to procedures allowed under the scope of the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery. Assistant surgeons must be able to take over the surgery in the case of an emergency. A podiatric physician and surgeon acting as an assistant surgeon outside of his/her scope of practice is subject to disciplinary action.

PROCEDURE  Action – See Department of Health business practice 1-2-02