Medical assistants are unlicensed individuals who perform non-invasive routine technical services under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon or podiatrist in a medical office or clinic setting.

The supervising physician and surgeon or podiatrist must be on the premises in order for the medical assistant to perform those non-invasive technical support services.

A copy of the Business and Professions Code, the Health and Safety Code, and the California Code of Regulations, relating to the scope of practice of medical assistants in the State of California, may be obtained on the Medical Board Website.

The Medical Board on its website provides a list of “Frequently Asked Questions” addressing the appropriate training, supervision, and scope of practice issues, is available to assist members of the public and professionals to understand the role of medical assistant within the health care system.

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