



To Delegate or Not to Delegate?

Step 1: Create a VCPD

Step 2: Consider the level of licensing, education, experience, training of the delegee

Step 3: Consider the appropriate level of supervision pursuant to the VPA and Rules (see Task List below)

Step 4: Consider applicable state and federal laws

Step 5: Delegate!

Task list *effective 9/2025	VTS Supervision	RVT Supervision	Other Personnel Supervision
Assisting in surgical procedures	Indirect	Immediate	Immediate
Placement of abdominal, thoracic, esophagostomy, or PEG tubes	Indirect	Immediate	Immediate
Dentistry: removing calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stains	Indirect	Direct	Direct
Dentistry: Smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth	Indirect	Direct	Direct
Dentistry: Single root extractions	Indirect	Direct	Direct
Dentistry: Suturing gingival incisions	Indirect	Direct	Direct
Treatment of minor medical conditions	Indirect	Direct	Restricted to VTS and RVT
Placement of epidural and IO catheters	Indirect	Direct	Direct
Suturing, stapling, or gluing an existing surgical skin incision	Indirect	Direct	Direct
Medication administration, including rx and controlled drugs	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Enemas	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Administration of biological immunological agents (vaccines)	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
IV catheter placement and maintenance	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Intraarterial catheter placement and maintenance	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Imaging: radiographs, US, CT, MRI, fluoroscopy	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Imaging: administration of radiopaque agents or materials	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Sample collection: blood	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Sample collection: skin scrapings, impressions, and other non-surgical methods	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Cystocentesis	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Unobstructed bladder catheterization	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Insertion of an indwelling urinary catheter	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
EKG, BP, CO2, and SPO2 monitoring	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Biohazard handling and disposal	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Microchipping	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Therapeutic laser administration	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Animal rehab therapies	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Tonometry	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Schirmer tear tests	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Fluorescein staining	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Suture and staple removal	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Splints and slings for fracture immobilization	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Chemotherapy	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Radiation therapy	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Reproductive ultrasounds	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Semen evaluation	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Blood banking	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Blood or component transfusions	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Gastric, NG, or NE tube placement	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Fluid aspiration from a body cavity or organ - abdominocentesis, thoracocentesis, pericardiocentesis, joint tap	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Minor wound management - meant to include wounds, lacerations, abscesses	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Nasal catheterization	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Emergency patient care: hemorrhage management	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Emergency patient care: Wound dressings	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Emergency patient care: oxygen administration	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Emergency patient care: Anti-seizure treatment	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Emergency patient care: treatment of heat stroke	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Emergency patient care: Administration of drugs (inc. controlled substances) or IV fluids to prevent, manage, and control pain or shock, prevent further injury or suffering, up to and including euthanasia	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Emergency patient care: Initiate and perform all aspects of CPR and post-resuscitative care	Indirect	Indirect	Direct
Any task not listed may be delegated at the appropriate level of supervision determined by the managing veterinarian	Indirect	Indirect	Direct

*This list is subject to State Board of Veterinary Medicine Rulemaking, to be completed by September 2025