

## SECTION .1400 - SCOPE OF PRACTICE

### 21 NCAC 52 .1401 SOFT TISSUE PROCEDURES

Simple soft tissue procedures pursuant to G.S. 90-202.2(b) are procedures involving structures proximal to a line parallel with the dome of the talus that may be performed by a podiatrist in an office setting, including:

- (1) ligation of superficial veins or vessels;
- (2) repair of soft tissue lacerations and abrasions;
- (3) incision, drainage and debridement of abscesses, hematomas, and ulcerations;
- (4) excision of foreign bodies and soft tissue masses which are not known or thought to be malignant;
- (5) biopsy and cauterization of soft tissue lesions;
- (6) ligamentous and tendon repairs found during the aforementioned procedures; and
- (7) release of nerve entrapment found in conjunction with an extension of nerve entrapment procedures of the foot.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-202.2(b);  
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