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Fireside Chat

Licensure: Issues and Answers

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Purpose of a State Society

- **Engage in state political and legislative activities.**
- **Make decisions on state legislative and regulatory developments that affect our profession.**
- **Conduct educational meetings and events.**

Agenda for our State Society

- **Formulate a communications vehicle**
 - **Newsletter/Web site/E-mail**
- **Active database of perfusionists**
- **Election of Officers and Board**
- **Establish annual meetings**
- **Determine professional legislative and organizational agenda**
 - **Pursue legal credentialing**
 - **Perfusionists with political ties in state legislature**
 - **Lobbyist**

Reasons for Establishing the North Carolina Society of Perfusionists

- **Protect our scope of practice**
- **Advance legislation favorable to our profession**
- **Defend against legislation which may adversely affect our profession**
- **Have a recognized voice in our state government**

Professional Credentialing

- **Registration**
- **Titling**
- **Certification**
- **Licensure**

Highest level of professional credentialing

**Academic examination and cont. education standards
mandated by law**

**Must possess a license to perform medical scope of
care**

Licensing of Perfusionists

What it does

- Establish minimum standards of education, training, and competency for persons engaged in the practice of clinical perfusion.
- Assure that the health and safety of the citizens are protected from unqualified practitioners, or from the unprofessional practice of clinical perfusion.
- Assure, that in the future, anyone entering the state to work as a perfusionist, meets State's mandated standards of patient care.
- Protects scope of practice.
- Licensed practitioners are protected, via Tort Reform, from excessive suits (caps).

AmSECT Government Relations

- **States with introduced / pending licensing legislation in 2007:
Pennsylvania, New York, Kansas**
- **15 states with licensure. Total number of AmSECT members legally credentialed is 667, or 42%. Total number of CCP's credentialed is 1320, or 40%.**

Have the applicant READ the questions!!

FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUESTIONS 7 & 8, IF "YES", SUBMIT COPIES OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION, SUCH AS POLICE REPORTS, CERTIFIED COURT RECORDS AND DISPOSITIONS.

7. Have you ever been charged with (arrested, indicted or arraigned), convicted of, pled guilty to, pled no contest to, or received a prayer for judgment continued (PJC) for a violation of federal, state or local law, excluding minor traffic violations? YES NO

8. Have you ever been ARRESTED FOR OR CHARGED WITH driving under the influence or driving while impaired? YES NO

SUPERVISION OF PROVISIONAL LICENSED PERFUSIONISTS

- The supervising perfusionist shall assume responsibility for the services provided by the provisional licensee, be responsible for determining the nature and level of supervision required for the provisional licensee, and be responsible for evaluating and documenting the professional skill and competence of the provisional licensee. Supervision shall not mean direct, on-site supervision at all times, but shall mean that the supervising perfusionist shall be readily available for consultation and assistance whenever the provisional licensee is performing or providing perfusion services.

Supervision of Provisional Licensee

- The "Back-up Supervising Perfusionist" means the perfusionist who accepts the responsibility for supervision of the provisional licensed perfusionist's activities in the absence of the Primary Supervising Perfusionist. The Back-up Supervising Perfusionist is responsible for the activities of the provisional licensed perfusionist only when providing supervision.