



FAQ's Regarding the Surgical Technology Law

1. How does this new bill affect me? 1. It defines the credential of CST administered by NBSTSA as the only acceptable credential in Indiana for the Surgical Technologist. 2. Creates an entry in to practice, requiring an individual to complete an accredited surgical technology program in order to practice. 3. Explains the basic responsibilities or "scope of practice" of the surgical technologist. 3. Requires any individual practicing as a surgical technologist to accumulate fifteen (15) continuing education credit's annually. 4. Allows the surgical technologists to participate in second circulating duties.
2. Does this put individuals that are not certified or eligible for certification out of a job? No, this bill was passed to protect the surgical technologists and define their role. Individuals that fit into those categories and "was employed to practice surgical technology in a health care facility before July 1, 2009," are protected but, must adhere to all guidelines laid out in this bill.
3. What if I already have enough CEs to maintain my certification? You are still required to accumulate fifteen (15) new CE's every year.
4. Do my CEs need to be AST approved? To adhere to this law no. You still will need to follow the guidelines given by NBSTSA regarding your certification.
5. How will Indiana keep track of my CEs? It is the responsibility of each facility to track their employee's CEs. It is the responsibility of the surgical technologist to turn in their CE's to their respected facility.
6. Do half CEs count? Yes, if a vendor is offering half a CE for coming to an in-service, it counts.
7. Do CEs roll over year to year? No. You are responsible for having fifteen (15) CEs every year. If you get 20 in a year cycle, you just went above and beyond. Great job!
8. Do grandfathered surgical technologists need to get CEs too? Yes, anyone in the roll as a surgical technologist is responsible to adhere to this law.
9. How many CE's do I have to have by the end of 2009? The surgical technologist is responsible for completing (15) CE's in a yearly tracking cycle.
10. What is the year cycle for CE's? The tracking cycle can be determined by the facility, it can be done on the same cycle as the hospital mandatory's.