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Anesthesia Technology Program Directors:

I am pleased to announce that the accreditation process for anesthesia technology programs has been approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). In conjunction with CAAHEP, the Committee on Accreditation of Anesthesia Technology Education (COA-ATE) will be responsible for and involved in accrediting all anesthesia technology programs nationwide. The COA-ATE takes programs through the evaluation process and forwards recommendations for accreditation to CAAHEP. CAAHEP reviews CoA-ATE recommendations, and make the final award of accreditation.

The accreditation process is available on the CAAHEP and ASATT websites. To help facilitate this process, COA-ATE will be holding a webinar outlining the steps to accreditation. We highly recommend that all anesthesia technology education program directors attend this webinar. Most of your questions should be answered at that time. The goal is to have all new and currently ASATT approved programs transition to accreditation through CAAHEP and COA-ATE within a three year time frame (2015-2018).

We will keep you informed of dates/times of this webinar where we can review the process and address any further questions.

If you have any questions about applying for accreditation or the accreditation process, please contact Theresa Sisneros at theresa@caahep.org or 303-794-6283.

Sincerely,

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