

Respiratory Therapists as Anaesthesia Assistants (PPG)

Background

The Anesthesia Assistance Practice Guidelines (AA PPG), last revised in September 2018, have undergone a recent review and update. Anesthesia Assistants (AAs) play a crucial role in ensuring safe anesthetic practices within the healthcare system. Their contribution enhances patient access to healthcare services, potentially reducing wait times and expanding access options. The updated AA PPG delineates the relevant legislation and sets expectations for Respiratory Therapists (RTs) involved in anesthesia assistance. Subject matter experts have meticulously revised and updated the guidelines to enhance comprehension and provide clear direction in the realm of anesthesia assistance.

Consultation Feedback Details

The document underwent publication as per the CRTO's public consultation protocol. A consultation survey was disseminated on the CRTO's official website and promoted through the CRTO Twitter account. A total of 128 individuals accessed the consultation survey, leading to the receipt of 6 responses, all from Respiratory Therapists.

Of the respondents, 83% expressed that the policy was clear, comprehensible, and devoid of omissions and errors. Following one suggestion, grammatical adjustments were implemented, without affecting the substantive content of the Practice Guidelines.

Date consultation opened for feedback: November 30, 2023

Length of time posted for consultation: 62 Days

Date consultation closed: January 4, 2024

Consultation Summary

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

128

VIEWED

6

COMPLETED

4.6 %

Completed
(Views vs. Completions)

Outcome

The structure of this document remains unaltered. A comprehensive review of jurisdictional and regulatory frameworks was undertaken to ensure that the content remains current and adheres to all pertinent legislation and regulations. Updates have been made to incorporate the latest legislative mandates and to provide updated links where necessary.



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