

## Position Statement for Anesthesia Technical Coverage

The mission of the American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians (ASATT) is to establish a professional entity for the field of anesthesia technology that will positively affect healthcare and quality standards by raising the standards of patient care and by providing a safe and positive environment.

With the growing number of complex surgical cases, off site procedures and advancement in technology, there is added stress on the healthcare system to provide skilled technical staff with specialized knowledge in anesthesia technology.

Based on the revisions of the ASATT's Standards and Scope of Practice and in an effort to assist hospitals in determining a ratio of technicians per rooms, the ASATT has recommended that for technicians and technologists practicing at these levels, the ratio for room coverage are as follows:

- General Anesthesia: One (1) per four (4) rooms.
- Cardiovascular Anesthesia: One (1) per two (2) rooms.
- Liver transplant: Two (2) per room.
- Offsite procedures: One (1) per two (2) areas.
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Services: One (1) per four (4) rooms during working hours.

Additionally, the Society recognizes staffing needs according to anesthesia acuity levels and patient needs. Therefore, anesthesia providers should adjust their staffing needs accordingly.

Level 1 Trauma centers provide in house technical coverage 24/7, 365 days a year.

Level 2 Centers provide in house technical coverage 16 hours/five days a week and on call coverage for off hours and weekends.

Level 3 Centers provide in house technical coverage 12 hours/5 days a week and on call coverage for off hours and weekends.

Outpatient/Ambulatory Services provide technical coverage during working hours.