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Positions Statements Related to Perfusionists Issued by the Perfusionists Examining Council

WHAT IS THE PRACTICE OF PERFUSION?

Perfusion is defined in [Wis Stats. 448.015\(1m\)](#) as the branch or system of treating the sick that is limited to the operation and management of extracorporeal circulation to support, temporarily replace, measure, treat, or supplement the cardiopulmonary and circulatory system of a patient, including, when necessary to and part of the management and operation of extracorporeal circulation, the use of blood testing and advanced life support techniques and technologies, autotransfusion, and the administration of blood, blood products, and anesthetic and pharmacological agents.

WHAT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A PERFUSIONIST?

The scope of practice of perfusion is outlined in [Ch Med 22.09](#), Wis. Admin Code. As per [Wis. Stats. 448.04\(1\)\(d\)](#), no perfusionist may practice without the orders and supervision of a licensed physician.

IS SUPERVISION REQUIRED FOR PATIENT CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PERFUSIONIST?

According to [Wis. Stats 448.03\(2\)\(e\)](#), patient services provided by a perfusionist must be directed, supervised, and inspected by a physician who has the power to direct, decide, and oversee the implementation of the patient services rendered.