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Dear Dr. Berger:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **May 16, 2014** to award **continuing accreditation** to the Surgical Technology program at Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS.

The recent peer review conducted by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than **2024**.

The ARC/STSA will regularly monitor the program's compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program's Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

The following citation merits your institution's attention and resolution in order to strengthen the program's compliance with the Standards (for a complete copy of the Standards, check the CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org, or call the office at 727-210-2350):

II.B. Program Goals - Appropriateness of Goals and Learning Domains

The program must regularly assess its goals and learning domains. Program personnel must identify and respond to changes in the needs and/or expectations of its communities of interest.

The individual appointed as the graduate representative is also appointed as the practicing CST representative. The program does not provide evidence of the appointment of a unique individual for each of the eight (8) communities of interest.

Please submit an updated ARC/STSA Program Advisory Committee Form demonstrating that the surgical technology Program Advisory Committee [PAC] is comprised of membership that represents all communities of interest, including a graduate and a practicing CST who are not the same individual. An ARC/STSA Program Advisory Committee Form may be obtained online at www.arcstsa.org/index.php/educators/educators-surgical-technology/st-forms-and-facts/.

CAAHEP requests that a progress report, including a copy of this findings letter, be sent to **Keith R. Orloff, CST, FAST, Executive Director, ARC/STSA, 6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite #110, Littleton, CO, 80120 by July 11, 2014**, indicating the manner in which this citation has been resolved. The progress report, submitted as a single "seamless" electronic/digital document on a CD-ROM, DVD, or external drive [stick drive, thumb drive, USB drive, etc.] for documentation in excess of 20 pages, should be received by the ARC/STSA on or before close of business (4:30 PM, Mountain) on the due date specified above. [Please note that submissions consisting of 20 pages or less can be submitted as a single PDF attachment via email sent to info@arcstsa.org.]

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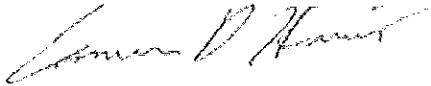
Please note that the ARC/STSA does not accept documentation that includes confidential personal identification information [e.g. - Social Security numbers] or personal health information [PHI]. Please delete or black out all confidential personal identification information or confidential personal health information on documentation prior to submission. Documentation submitted with confidential personal identification information or personal health information will be returned to the program without ARC/STSA review.

Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citation above may result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, ARC/STSA, American College of Surgeons (ACS), and Association of Surgical Technologists (AST).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the ARC/STSA Executive Office.

Sincerely,



Cameron Harris, RPSGT
President

cc: Cindy Hoss, EdD, Vice-President of Academic Affairs
Katherine Gill, BSN, RN, CNOR, Program Coordinator, Surgical Technology
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