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Association of Vascular and Interventional Radiographers
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via email angioci@gmail.com

**Attention: David Nicholson, RT
President**

Dear David,

On behalf of the 14,000 health science professional members of the Health Sciences Association of British Columbia, I express our wholehearted support in your efforts to ensure that your members, with their years of skill and experience, do not lose their jobs to nurses who seek to take over work in laboratory and diagnostic imaging.

As the union representing 75 unique health science professions here in BC, we know that these professions require extensive training and unique skills. These professions simply cannot be replaced by nurses looking to expand their responsibilities. Proposals to allow this will undermine professional relationships and threaten the quality of care our patients depend upon. HSA lends our voice to your efforts to protect laboratory and imaging professionals in the United States just as we are vigilant in protecting Canadian health science professionals from being displaced by nurses.

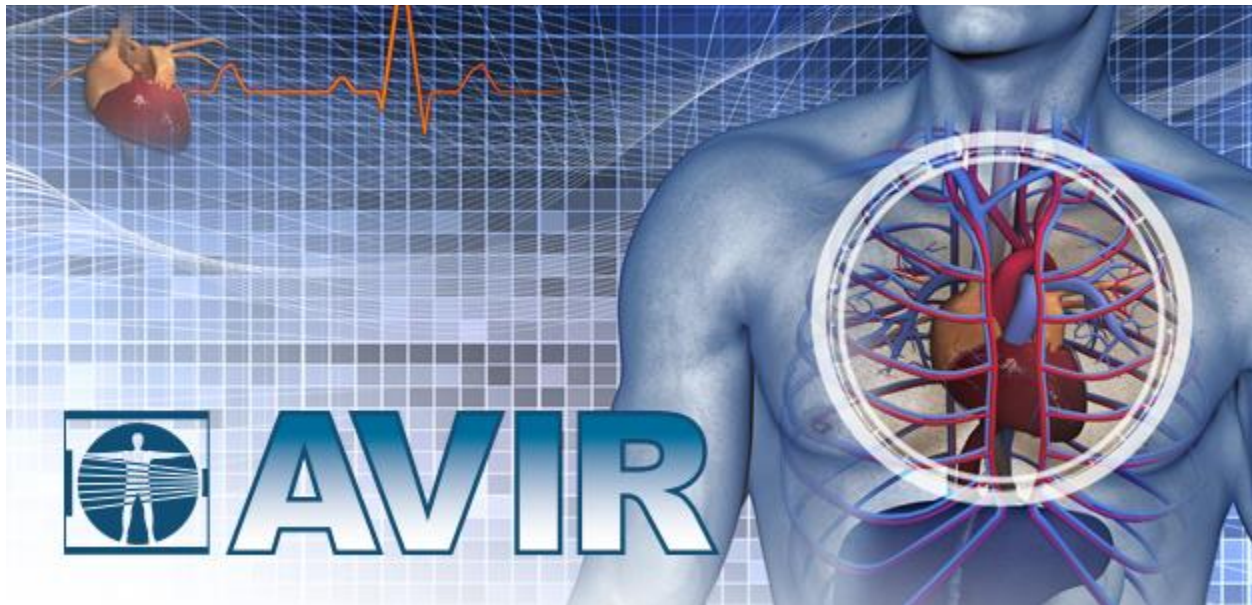
We will be circulating your bulletin to our members and encouraging all of them to speak up as individual professionals, and to immediately report any similar moves by the BC Nurses Union here in British Columbia.

Sincerely yours,

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Val Avery
President
HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION OF BC
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VA Proposal Would Let Nurses Take On Imaging Duties

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to inform you of a regulatory proposal introduced by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Under this proposal, advanced practice registered nurses would possess full practice authority, without clinical supervision or mandatory collaboration with physicians. Full practice authority includes the ability to, "Order, perform, supervise, and interpret laboratory and imaging studies" in VA facilities.

As we continue to push the envelope of innovation let's join together to ensure our foundation and core values, patient care, advocacy, and safety, are protected. The AVIR advocates that all patients who require imaging receive care from certified technologists who possess the education and expertise to provide and perform advanced imaging procedures. Please join your voice to ours as we speak up against this proposed change.

Please follow the link below to contact your federal law makers in Congress.

Please go to the ASRT Advocacy Action Center to email your congressman and senators. Your urgent action is needed today!

[ASRT Advocacy Action Center](#)

<https://www.asrt.org/main/about-asrt/asrt-news/2016/06/06/proposal-will-allow-nurses-to-perform-imaging>

ABOVE is a link to the ASRT Article about this action BELOW is the link with addresses and email contacts.

www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/05/25/2016-12338/advanced-practice-registered-nurses#h-4.

Regards,

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