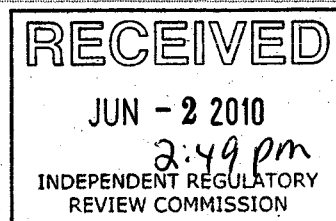


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To whom it may concern:

My name is Raffaele Mirarchi. I am the Chief Perfusionist at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. I am writing to express "concern" for the proposed regulatory phase of the Pennsylvania Perfusion License. Specifically, the proposed number of perfusionists per case (it clearly does NOT define "available"), and the initiation of Cardiac ECMO and any type of Cardio-Pulmonary Support requiring the use of a heart-lung machine.

The operation of heart-lung machine is like the pilot of a plane. How would this board feel if they travelled on a plane with ONLY a primary pilot, and the pilot became ill, with no other viable option to IMMEDIATELY operate the plane, with the lives of many people at risk. If anything happens to the perfusionist on cardiopulmonary bypass in the operating room, without another perfusionist available, it IMMEDIATELY jeopardizes the patient's life, from a PATIENT SAFETY standpoint.

Initiation of Cardiac Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation, should be done with a perfusionist present to MAXIMIZE patient safety. For example, in our bordering state of New Jersey (where I am currently licensed), in regards to PERFUSION LICENSURE, it specifically states that a licensed perfusionist is the only individual that can operate a heart lung machine. This MAXIMIZES PATIENT SAFETY.

In my opinion, the purpose of perfusion licensure is to MAXIMIZE PATIENT SAFETY, and the actual Pennsylvania Perfusion License, as written, and now "proposed" regulations opens up an opportunity for unsafe clinical practice.

I am requesting an immediate response to my concerns. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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