Dear (Administrator)

As you are aware, Perfusion Services represents a vital component of a cardiac surgical program. Cardiopulmonary Perfusionists, who are responsible for managing the heart-lung machine during surgery as well as multiple other modes of equipment and practices within their scope, are highly skilled allied health professionals who provide a large contribution to patient care, patient safety, and the overall success of a multidisciplinary cardiac surgical team.

With over 2000 members from the United States and abroad, The American Society of ExtraCorporeal Technology (AmSECT) is the largest professional society for Perfusionists in the world. AmSECT represents a leading force in the industry by providing education and services related to clinical and professional practice via online resources, conferences, webinars, research and advocacy. Active participation in professional societies hones other non-clinical skills such as management, communication, problem-solving and team-building. AmSECT’s not-for-profit mission of support has been maintained by members and volunteers for over 50 years, and its leadership has included some of the greatest pioneers in the field.

Support for professional development through reimbursement of membership dues is an established way to advance skills, extend commitment, and promote employee retention. Some studies have found that over 70% of organizations surveyed offered payment for professional membership fees as a benefit, with over 90% of employees sharing that a demonstrated investment in their career made them more likely to stay at a company longer.

Combined invoicing and discounted new member group packages for AmSECT are available on their website at <https://amsect.org/Members/Membership/Group-Memberships>. Reimbursement of membership fees for allied health employees is a wise investment in any organization with long-range impacts on performance and outcomes. Offering paid AmSECT membership to your Perfusion Department is a wonderful way to celebrate National Perfusion Day this May 6th. For any questions, please contact the AmSECT National Headquarters at [amsect@amsect.org](mailto:amsect@amsect.org).

Thank you