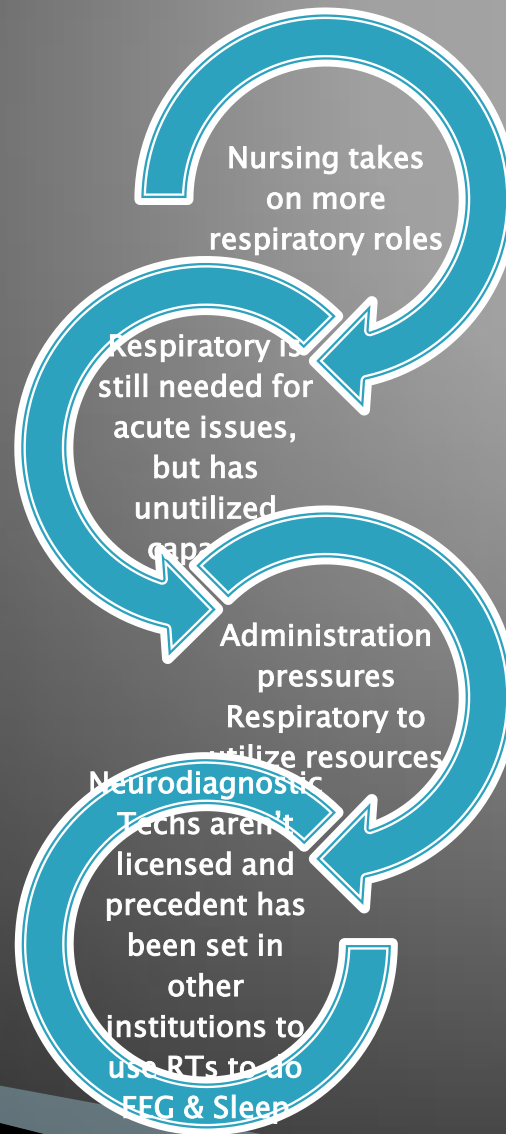


Licensure, If Not Now....When?



2016 MSET Annual Meeting

Scope of Practice Creep



So... Could this *Really* Happen??



In 2003 Wyoming passed The Respiratory Care Practice Act which legally granted Neurodiagnostic Technologists' scope of practice to Respiratory Therapists



California Medical Board allows Medical Assistants to perform neurodiagnostic procedures

What Can We Do to Stop This?

➤ Educate Ourselves

- Today is the first step
- Understand how your ability to practice might be affected
- Learn more about licensure efforts that might already be underway in your state
- ASET can help

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Forces on the neurodiagnostics profession take place at various levels and in various ways. Critical areas of influence include Federal action relating to allied health care funding; state regulation often relating to licensure and scope of practice issues; and regulatory rulings impacting neurodiagnostic technologists and the profession.

ASET maintains a keen interest and proactive approach in addressing legislative and regulatory action through its Governmental Advocacy Committee (GAC), Grassroots Campaign, and the Legislative & Regulatory Action Center. Through ASET's legislative and regulatory tracking service, the GAC regularly monitor and track State and Federal legislative and regulatory activity that may have an impact on neurodiagnostic technologists and the neurodiagnostic profession at large. News and action alerts on pending and proposed State and Federal legislation, proposed rules, regulatory changes, and Medicare and Medicaid issues affecting the neurodiagnostic profession are posted on our [Neurodiagnostic Legislative & Regulatory Action Center](#).

WHY YOU NEED TO BE INVOLVED

The most effective way of influencing legislation or to ensure your voice is heard on important issues is to communicate your views directly to your respective elected officials. Sending letters, faxes and e-mails; placing telephone calls; and arranging visits with either officials or legislative staff are activities which increase the likelihood that attention will be paid to the message being delivered because constituents play such an important role in election outcomes through the power of the vote. These activities help educate and inform key decision makers about the neurodiagnostic profession. Tips for communicating with or visiting elected officials, and primers on congressional staff roles, the legislative process, and state legislative protocol are provided under the [Policy Tools](#) section of our Action Center. You may also download the [Point of Contact Handbook](#) for a step-by-step guide to building relationships with legislators and their staff.

WRITING LETTERS & E-MAIL

Letters, faxes, and e-mails are effective advocacy methods to reach your state or congressional representatives. The most effective way to ensure that your representatives are taking the correspondence and messages seriously is to have messages sent from each individual, rather than on behalf of a group, since state and congressional offices track the number of communications received on a daily basis on an issue. Because of terrorism concerns, it is most effective to send your communication via e-mail. You can contact your State and Federal legislators via e-mail through our Action Center simply by entering in your

What Can We Do to Stop This?

2. Organize!

- Talk to our colleagues at work, school and in our community. Ask questions about licensure. Do we agree that it's important?
- Join our state and local societies
 - Are they a state or local chapter of ASET?
 - Is there interest in becoming a chapter?
- ASET has tools to help...

ASET's Chapter Development Toolkit



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Membership

At its July 31, 2012 meeting in St. Paul, MN, the ASET Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt a Chapter Affiliate program. Under the program local, state and regional neurodiagnostic societies, and new neurodiagnostic grassroots organizations in development, may petition ASET to be chartered as an ASET chapter. The board's adoption of the Chapter Affiliate program was subject to endorsement by local, state and regional neurodiagnostic society presidents present at the August 3, 2012 Presidents Roundtable meeting in St. Paul. Those present at the meeting unanimously endorsed the Chapter Affiliate program. Societies represented at the meeting included the Indiana Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists and Technicians, Tennessee Neurodiagnostic Society, Florida Society of Neurodiagnostic Technologists, Michigan Electroneurodiagnostics Technologist Society, Central Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists, Illinois Society of END Technologists, Mid-Atlantic Neurodiagnostic Society, Southern Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists, Western Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists, North Eastern Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists, and the Greater New Orleans Electroneurodiagnostic Association.

The ASET Board of Trustees adoption – and local, state and regional society endorsement – of the Chapter Affiliate program is the culmination of two years of development, including multiple cycles of reviews and comments by the local neurodiagnostic societies and related stakeholders, and open discussion by ASET members at the 2011 ASET annual business meeting.

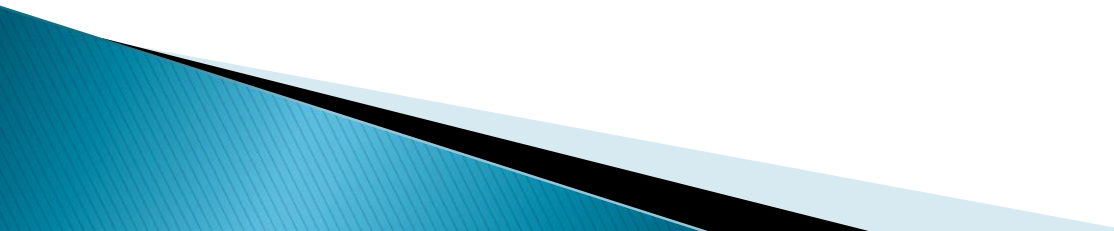
The Chapter Affiliate program provides for the legal formalization of relationships between ASET and local, state and regional neurodiagnostic societies. While nothing in the affiliate agreement or chapter charter creates any association, joint venture, partnership, or agency relationship between ASET and local societies, the program does identify certain corporate formalities and tax and reporting obligations that local organizations must meet in order to be chartered as an ASET chapter. It also identifies the specific obligations that ASET and its chapters have to each other.

There is no requirement for an established neurodiagnostic society to become a chapter of ASET. Petitioning to become a chapter of ASET is entirely a voluntary decision on the part of the local society boards and their memberships. However, there are certain advantages that will accrue to organizations that petition to become chapters, including assistance in membership renewal and collection and processing of chapter dues; assistance in chapter membership database maintenance; inclusion in ASET's group non-profit tax exempt filing status; possible inclusion in ASET's umbrella Directors & Officers Liability insurance coverage; improved promotion and visibility of chapter member programs and events; and membership growth at the local level.

Once a chapter has been established, there is no requirement that an ASET member who lives in the geographic territory covered by that chapter has to also become a member of that chapter. Similarly, there is no requirement for a member of a chapter to also become a member of ASET. Under the program adopted the decision to join both ASET and a chapter is entirely a voluntary one. There are no restrictions to the number of chapters that an individual may join. For example, if an individual resides in a state which has a state chapter, but that state also falls within a region which has been chartered

What Can We Do to Stop This?

3. Build Our Case

- Who are the legal movers and shakers in Michigan?
 - Who do we know at the State Capitol??
 - Who will support us??
 - Why should they care????
 - Educate stakeholders
 - Collect stories to support our case
 - ASET has tools to help...
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ASET's Grassroots Initiatives



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What is the Who Do You Know Program?

The Who Do You Know Program is ASET's effort to build a more effective grassroots organization to help achieve our legislative and regulatory goals. The primary purpose of monitoring legislation and regulations is to protect the scope of practice for neurodiagnostic technologists. In addition, the ASET Board of Trustees adopted a critical goal of adoption of licensure for neurodiagnostic professionals at the state level beginning in 2015. We need your help achieving these goals.



What is the Mission of the Who Do You Know Program?

The mission of ASET's Who Do You Know Program is to leverage personal relationships between legislators and staff members and neurodiagnostic technologists to achieve our governmental advocacy goals.

When it comes to politics personal relationships play a significant role in public policy. Legislators and staff are more likely to respond to constituents they know personally. Having a personal relationship with legislators or staff members allows a neurodiagnostic technologist to be more effective when they seek to influence public policy. It is easier to schedule a meeting, get a return call or have a letter read if you personally know the legislator. Neurodiagnostic technologists who have relationships with elected officials or their staff can help shape public policy that impacts the profession and the well-being of patients.

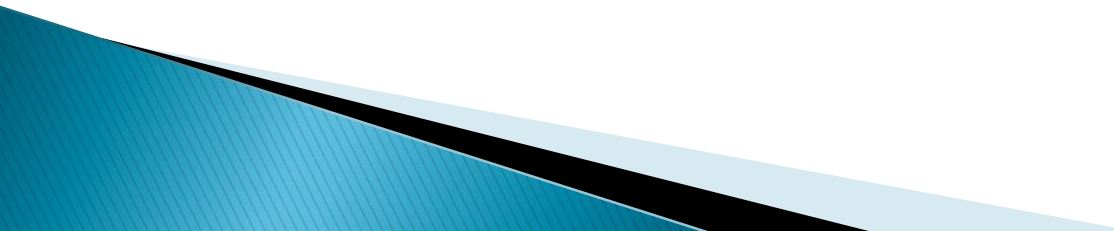
Members of the Who Do You Know Program will provide entrée for governmental advocacy staff to lobby legislators on issues affecting neurodiagnostic technology.

If you have a relationship with your State Senator or State Representative or members of their staff, you are well positioned to influence the legislative process. Even if you do not have a relationship with a legislator or a staff member you might know someone who does. Do you have a politically active member of your family or a friend who would be willing to introduce you to a legislator? Is your neighbor a business associate of a legislator? Think of the people you know who may know someone who is a legislator or a staff member. The old saying "It's not what you know, it's who you know" is so true. Politics is based upon relationships and leveraging our relationships will help ASET shape legislation and regulations that impact the neurodiagnostic profession and the well-being of patients.

To participate in the **ASET Who Do You Know Program** select the appropriate official class representation of the legislator you know. You will be directed to an online form where you will be asked a set of questions. **Thank you in advance.**

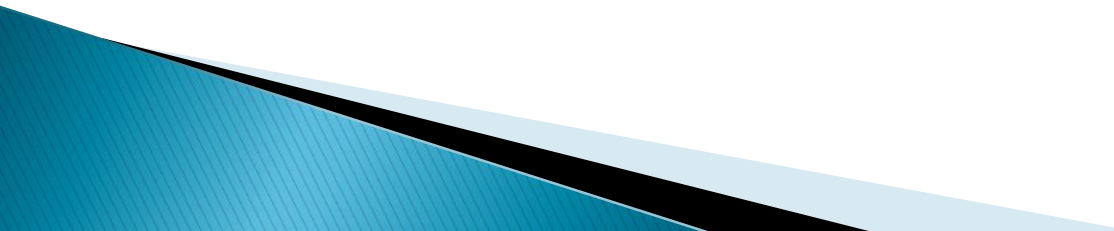
What Can We Do to Stop This?

4. Develop Our Plan

- Read our model bill, does it fit the needs of Michigan?
 - Put our story together
 - Apply for an ASET Licensure Grant
 - Interview and recruit a lobbyist to help
 - ASET has tools to help...
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ASET Licensure Fund

Financial Assistance to Chapters Pursuing Licensure

- ASET Board has set up a Licensure Fund to provide financial assistance to ASET Chapters pursuing licensure
 - Annual grant program to help pay for registered lobbyist
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ASET's Model Bill



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ASET POSITION STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF LICENSURE

In 2004, the ASET Board of Trustees authorized the development of a [white paper](#) from an outside consultant to objectively present information about occupational regulation. Following an extensive review of its findings, the board adopted the following position statement on occupational regulation:

"The American Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists supports programmatic educational accreditation, appropriate electroneurodiagnostic credentialing, compliance with evidence-based national practice standards, adherence to the neurodiagnostic scope of practice, and occupational regulation. These requirements will help ensure safe practices quality care, and pertinent education and skills for the profession of neurodiagnostic technology. Occupational regulation of neurodiagnostic practitioners may be in the form of licensure, statutory certification, or registration.

To this end, ASET will continue to promote the recognition of neurodiagnostic as a distinct allied health entity, identify and further the neurodiagnostic body of knowledge, and strengthen its advocacy efforts to protect the neurodiagnostic profession and limit its practice only to qualified individuals."

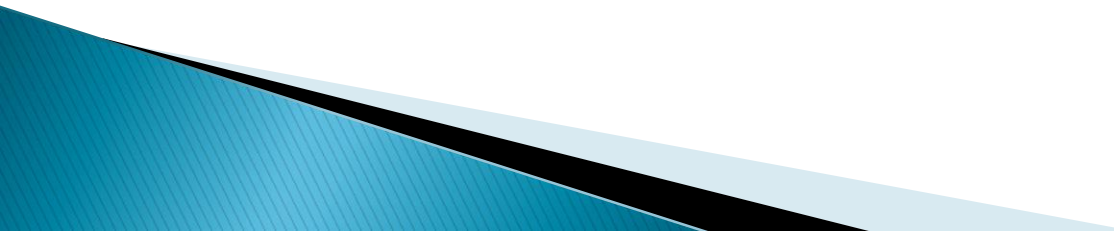
Since 2004, ASET has been moving toward oversight for the neurodiagnostic profession. In 2008, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the recommendations of the Governmental Advocacy Committee to authorize the committee to draft a position statement in support of licensure for the neurodiagnostic profession, and to draft a model practice act for board consideration. At its February 2009 mid-year meeting, by unanimous vote the Board of Trustees adopted the following position statement on licensure:

"Occupational regulation is a necessity in many allied health fields to protect the health, safety and welfare of patients. Regulation gives clearly defined scopes of practice for each occupation and defines who is qualified to be a professional in each field. The public benefits as a result of the professionals being able to concentrate on clearly established guidelines and requirements within their scope of practice.

Although there are existing certificates and registrations for the neurodiagnostic profession, these are voluntary and are not a requirement for employment or to practice. Although becoming a registered or certified technologist in one or more of the modalities that comprise neurodiagnostics is an indication to the public and employers that a person has sought and achieved competency, it is not a guarantee

What Can We Do to Stop This?

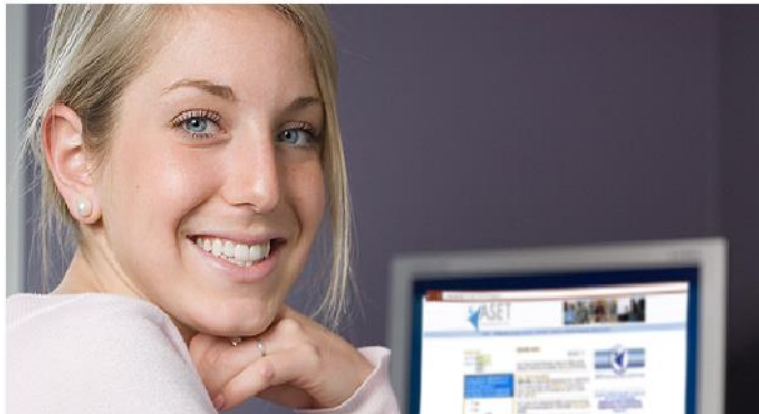
5. Execute!

- Know the dates of the legislative session
 - Be available, have resources and backup
 - Be patient, this may take a while...
 - Work with a lobbyist, meet with legislators and introduce the bill
 - ASET has tools to help!!
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ASET's Legislative & Action Center



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Share Your Story

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We need your help collecting stories to share with legislators as we lobby for enactment of licensure legislation.


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This center is sponsored by ASET - The Neurodiagnostic Society and is maintained by the ASET Governmental Advocacy Committee. The committee is charged with tracking and monitoring State and Federal legislation and regulations that may have a direct impact on the neurodiagnostic profession, your right to practice, and the quality of patient care.

As legislation and/or regulations affecting the neurodiagnostic profession are introduced, action and information alerts will be immediately

Licensure Effort

States Pursuing Licensure

- There are nine states that are actively pursuing licensure:
 - California, Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington
 - There are seven states that are considering pursuing licensure:
 - Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York and North Dakota
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