

Getting AA' s Into Your State

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Getting AA' s Into Your State

- What' s your starting point ?

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- Licensure
- Delegatory Authority
- AA' s employed
- Training Program established

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- Licensure
 - State law defines scope of practice
 - Medical board is regulatory entity

- Delegatory Authority
 - Medical Practice Act
 - Anesthesiologist delegates anesthesia care

States with AA' s

- Licensed
 - Ohio
 - Georgia
 - Vermont
 - Kentucky
 - Missouri
 - Oklahoma
 - North Carolina
 - South Carolina
 - Florida
 - New Mexico
 - Alabama
 - District of Columbia
 - VA hospitals

States with AA' s

- Delegatory Authority
 - Texas
 - Wisconsin
 - West Virginia
 - Colorado
 - New Hampshire
 - Michigan

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- Striving for licensure
 - Texas
 - Wisconsin
 - Maryland
 - Utah

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- No licensure or delegatory authority
 - Longest road
 - Political battles
 - Legislation
 - State societies
 - State medical boards
 - Hospital administrations
 - Recruitment
 - Create training programs

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- Obtaining Licensure
 - State society support
 - State Medical board
 - Generate funds
 - Legal aide
 - Lobbyist
 - Political allies
 - Political enemies

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- Obtaining Delegatory Authority
 - Less legal & political issues

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- Licensure or Delagatory Authority in place
 - Less rigorous
 - Political battles
 - Hospital administration
 - Teaching institutions
 - Recruitment

Getting AA' s Into Your State

- Licensure or Delagatory Authority in place
- + AA' s employed
 - Easier
 - Recruitment, clinical sites
- + AA' s employed / Training Program
 - Easiest
 - Raise your own

Getting an AA Training Program in Your State

- De novo
- Expansion of existing program

Getting an AA Training Program in Your State

- States with the most AA' s
 - Georgia
 - Ohio
 - Florida
 - Texas

Getting an AA Training Program in Your State

- De novo
 - Advantages
 - Local control and identity
 - Disadvantages
 - Lack of experience
 - Creating new curriculum

Getting an AA Training Program in Your State

- Expansion of existing program
 - Advantages
 - Experienced personnel
 - Time tested curriculum
 - Established reputation
 - Less political battles
 - Less expensive
 - Disadvantages
 - Loss of local control

Getting an AA Training Program in Your State

- Denovo Process
 - Champion
 - Program Director / Medical Director
 - Facilities / physical plant / staff
 - Clinical sites / clinical instructors
 - Affiliation agreements
 - Curriculum
 - Simulation

Getting an AA Training Program in Your State

- De novo process (cont)
 - Institutional clearances (Faculty Senate, Graduate Studies Committee, Board of Trustees)
 - State clearances (Board of Regents)
 - Higher Learning commission
 - Program Accreditation (ARC-AA)

Getting an AA Training Program in Your State

- Extension of existing program – Process
 - Call an existing program
 - Let them do the work

Resources

- AAAA – American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants
- NCCAA – National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants

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