

National Perfusionist Appreciation Week

May 1-7, 2011

Please join us in proud appreciation of the Perfusion allied health profession!

One of the many responsibilities of the Perfusionist is the operation of the heart-lung machine during open-heart surgery. This life support system enables the skilled cardiac surgeon to repair the heart while the Perfusionist operates the machine that assumes the patient's life functions. Prior to 1953, no medical device could do this. Millions of men, women, children and infants have since received the gift of life thanks to Perfusionists, the heart-lung machine and the other dedicated members of the surgical team. Perfusionists are also responsible for monitoring in the medical environment, blood salvage technologies before, during and after medical procedures, and cardiac support systems throughout the hospital. Many Perfusionists are integral to robotics programs, laser systems or other ancillary technologies.

Please join the American Society of ExtraCorporeal Technology and other heart team colleagues on May 1-7, 2011 as we celebrate the 58th anniversary of the first successful open heart procedure.

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