

**AmSECT Government Relations Committee  
Position on ECLS Transport between Acute Care Facilities**

The American Society of Extracorporeal Technology (AmSECT), the world's largest professional society of cardiovascular perfusionists, seeks to foster improved care, safety, and outcomes during the use of extracorporeal support devices. The AmSECT Government Relations Committee (GRC) is charged with monitoring public policy issues impacting the profession and our patients.

Perfusionists are qualified through CAAHEP-accredited educational programs and certified by a standardized national exam provided by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion in mechanical circulatory support devices. Perfusionists are the only medical professionals whose scope of practice expressly includes the utilization of extracorporeal devices providing support in a variety of clinical circumstances, inside and outside of the operating room. Some patients placed on extracorporeal life support (ECLS) devices require transport to larger acute care facilities with the additional resources capable of providing advanced care in patients with organ failure.

Due to the level of care necessary and the inherent risks involved with transporting ECLS patients between acute care facilities, it is in the best interest of the patient's safety to utilize only properly trained and certified personnel during such transports. AmSECT strongly recommends that a perfusionist, qualified by formal education, certification credentials, and possessing clinical expertise be directly involved in or, at a minimum, supervise the transport of ECLS patients between acute care facilities.