



CANDIDATE SURVEY

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1. Are you a health care provider? Yes No
If yes, please specify (i.e.: physician, nurse, physical therapist, etc.)

2. Are you related to a health care provider? Yes No
If yes, please specify (i.e.: spouse is physician, parent is nurse, etc.) SON IS AN R.A. in ER

3. Do you know any anesthesiologists in your community? Yes No
If yes, please provide their names: Ed Reynolds, William Olson (not related)
they may be nurse anesthetist??

4. Anesthesiologists are physicians (M.D. or D.O.) who attend four years of college plus four years of medical school and then complete four to five years of post medical school training in anesthesiology. Studies show that the safest anesthesia care is delivered when an anesthesiologist (a physician specializing in anesthesiology, critical care & pain medicine) is involved. Over 90% of surgical anesthetics delivered in the state are given by an anesthesiologist directly or an anesthesiologist directing either a Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) or Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA). Some nursing groups advocate that nurse anesthetists do not need supervision from any physician, whether an anesthesiologist or surgeon. MSA members believe this is a dangerous practice that leaves patients vulnerable to a number of potential emergencies.

Do you support continuing the current requirement that an anesthesiologist or other physician provide supervision of nurse anesthetists? Yes No

5. Anesthesiologists and other physicians with subspecialty training in Interventional Pain Medicine provide treatment of chronic and debilitating pain for conditions from common back pain to end-stage cancer pain. Pain physicians diagnose and prescribe appropriate interventional procedures when more basic treatments are not effective. These therapies involve insertion of needles or probes, administration of potent medications, and must be done while avoiding serious complications such as infections, bleeding, artery and nerve damage, paralysis, and death. Many of these treatments require the use of sophisticated imaging, such as fluoroscopy, ultrasound and CT guidance to direct the injection or probe to specific nerves or areas. Knowledge of medicine and significant training is needed to know if these treatments are required and to ensure patient safety. Moreover, not all health care plans in Michigan offer adequate pain care as a benefit.

Do you believe that Interventional Pain Medicine is the practice of medicine? Yes No

6. Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAs) are health professionals and recognized members of the Anesthesia Care Team. AAs work cooperatively under the direction of an anesthesiologist to implement the anesthesia care plan. AAs are trained in a professional graduate level program and earn a Master of Science degree. The American Society of Anesthesiologists (the national organization representing the medical specialty of anesthesiology) supports licensing the practice of Anesthesiologist Assistants. Although Medicare pays AAs for their services, some insurance companies in Michigan do not pay AAs because, unlike other states, Michigan has no specific licensing mechanism for AAs.

Do you support licensing Anesthesiologist Assistants in Michigan? Yes No

7. Some non-physician health professional training programs offer doctoral degrees that are not equivalent to Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy training programs. In the health care setting, patient safety, as well as the patient's right to know, requires that the term "doctor" refer to a physician (M.D. or D.O.), dentist (DDS) or podiatrist (DPM).

Do you support a requirement in Michigan's health care facilities to limit the use of the term "Doctor" to individuals who have attained the M.D., D.O., DDS, or DPM credential? Yes No

Other comments that you would like to share with the membership of MSA:

Candidate Signature Richard Olson Date 6/1/10