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Associate Degree Concept Resolution

Whereas, A profession's educational base is the cornerstone of its growth and development;

Whereas, Competent and humanistic practice as health care professional demands a broad area of knowledge and the development of intellectual skills as well as technical proficiency;

Whereas, The escalating rate of change and increasing complexity of surgical therapies require the surgical technologist to have the ability to adapt to new roles and new technologies;

Whereas, What constitutes an adequate educational program today will not be sufficient for tomorrow's practitioner as the role of the surgical technologist continues to expand;

Whereas, Increasing responsibilities demand a more broadly based preparatory curriculum with greater foundation in both the medical sciences and the liberal arts;

Whereas, To remain on a par with other allied health professions, surgical technology must maintain the same educational standards; and

Whereas, Many administrators and faculty of surgical technology programs recognize these needs and look to the Association of Surgical Technologists, Inc., for support, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Association of Surgical Technologists, Inc., declares the associate degree in surgical technology to be the preferred educational model for entry-level practice.