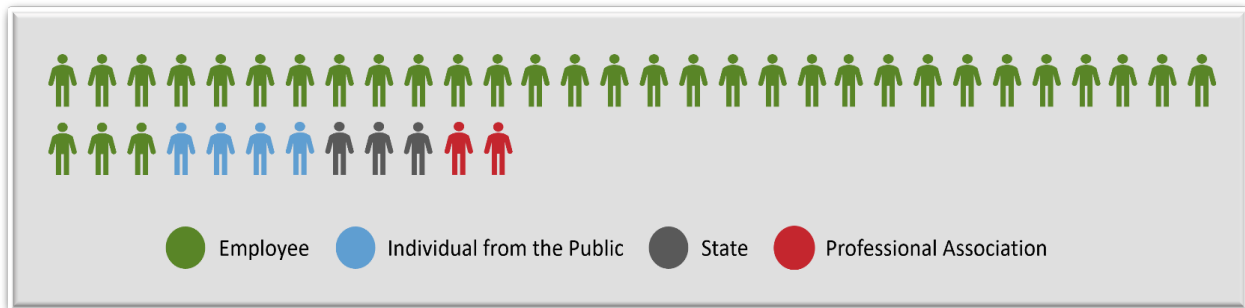


VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR CLINICAL PERFUSIONISTS

Comment Count Report

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is developing a national standard of practice for VA Clinical Perfusionists which would standardize the scope of practice for these health care professionals in all VA medical facilities provided they have the proper education, training, and skills to perform the tasks and duties detailed in the national standard of practice.

On July 10, 2024, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for Clinical Perfusionists in the Federal Register ([89 FR 56815](#)) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent letters, including the proposed VA standard of practice, to the national certification body (American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion), the body that developed the Standards and Guidelines for Perfusion Practice (American Society of ExtraCorporeal Technology) and state licensing boards for Clinical Perfusionists to provide an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested all comments submitted through the Federal Register and VA's intranet site, and from states and certification and standards bodies be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on September 9, 2024, and VA received 42 comments in total.



VA received 33 comments from VA employees, 4 comments from individuals from the public, 1 comment from the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion, and 1 comment from The American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion. As of September 9, 2024, VA received comments from 3 out of the 18 state licensing boards for Clinical Perfusionists; however, VA will continue to actively engage with states.

VA will review all comments received and make appropriate revisions to the VA standard of practice for Clinical Perfusionists in light of the comments, including those that present evidence-based practice and alternatives that help VA meet our mission and goals.

VA will post a collective response to all comments in a final report on <https://www.va.gov/standardspractice> once the VA standard of practice for Clinical Perfusionists is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at <https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1>.