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**WASHINGTON STATE IV TECHNICIAN RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
(RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

IV Therapy Technicians may complete recertification educational requirements by completing either the Continuing Medical Education (*CME*) method or through a Department of Health (DOH) and County Medical Program Director (MPD) approved *Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program* (OTEP) method, which includes approved knowledge and skill evaluations.

**Educational Requirements:**

- 1. Annually complete and document the following required training:**
  - a. CPR and Airway management
  - b. Spinal Immobilization
  - c. Patient Assessment
- 2. In each certification period, complete and document training in the following *required* topics:**
  - a. Infectious disease prevention (annual OSHA/WSHA –approved, agency-required, infectious disease training meets this requirement)
  - b. Trauma
  - c. Pharmacology
  - d. Other pediatric topics
  - e. Additional education courses totaling 45 hours. Individuals obtaining education through the CME method must complete the number of educational course hours indicated. Due to the competency-based nature of OTEP, fewer class hours may be needed to complete this requirement than when using the OTEP method.

**Skills Maintenance Requirements:**

- 1. First Certification Period:**
  - a. IV Starts: \*
    - i. First Year of certification (may not be averaged)
      - a. CME method - 36 successful IV starts.
      - b. OTEP method – 12 successful IV starts
    - ii. Second and third years of certification (may be averaged over the two years)
      - a. CME method – each year, 36 successful IV starts
      - b. OTEP method – each year, 12 successful IV starts
  - b. Demonstrate intraosseous infusion proficiency annually
- 2. Later Certification Periods:**
  - a. IV starts – demonstrate proficiency annually
  - b. Demonstrated intraosseous infusion proficiency annually

## **Examination and Certification Recommendation Requirements:**

### **1. CME Method**

- a. Successfully complete practical skills evaluations required by the MPD to determine ongoing competence
- b. Pass the state *written* examination within six months of recertification. Three attempts are allowed.
- c. Obtain written recommendation for recertification from the county MPD and submit the completed and signed application to the DOH.

### **2. OTEP Method**

- a. Successful completion of the OTEP method fulfills the requirement of the DOH written and practical skills examinations.
- b. Obtain written recommendation for recertification from the county MPD and submit the completed and signed application to the DOH.

## **Description of selected terms used:**

- CPR includes foreign body airway obstruction and the use of airway adjuncts appropriate to the level of certification for adults, children and infants.
- Intraosseous infusion: Proficiency in intraosseous line placement in pediatric patients.
- "IV starts": Proficiency in intravenous catheterization performed on sick, injured, or preoperative adult and pediatric patients. With written authorization of the MPD, IV starts may be performed on artificial training aids.
- Other pediatric topics: This includes anatomy and physiology and medical problems including special needs patients.
- Pharmacology: Pharmacology appropriate to the level of certification and specific to the medications approved by your MPD.
- Proficiency: Ability to perform a skill properly, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the MPD or delegate.

**(Please keep all recertification documents for four years after each certification)**

\*If you have completed a certification period as an IV, IV/Airway, ILS or ILS/Airway technician, you do not need to meet this requirement during your first certification period; however the requirements for later certification periods must be met.

\*\* If you have completed a certification period as an Airway, IV/Airway, ILS/Airway technician, you do not need to meet this requirement during your first certification period; however the requirements for later certification periods must be met.