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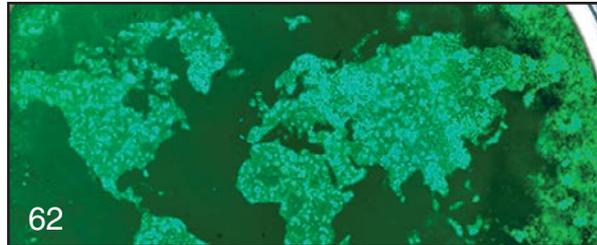
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AMT — A National Certification Agency

American Medical Technologists (AMT), established in 1939, is a national, non-profit certification agency for: Medical Technologist, MT®; Medical Laboratory Technician, MLT®; Registered Medical Assistant, RMA; Registered Dental Assistant, RDA; Certified Medical Laboratory Assistant, CMLA; Registered Phlebotomy Technician, RPT; Certified Laboratory Consultant, CLC; Certified Allied Health Instructor, CAHI; Certified Medical Administrative Specialist, CMAS

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the AMT Office

REACH for Training and Education

AMT just launched REACH (REcognition + ACHievement), a continuing education and training program that leads to a certificate in a specialty area. The first REACH Certificate Program is the ECG Certificate Course. This deep-dive program is designed for those who have experience performing ECGs and offers 5 CE hours along with a certificate and digital badge to signify mastery of the topic. Find the REACH ECG course on the AMT Learn page www.americanmedtech.org/Learn.aspx



AKF and AMT Partner to Walk in the City of Fountains

The American Kidney Fund and AMT will team up once again and host a two-mile walk in scenic Kansas City, the City of Fountains, on Monday, July 10, at 5:15 pm. Members in attendance can pledge their steps in honor of those with kidney disease and help raise money in the fight against kidney disease. On Monday, before the AMT Welcome Reception at the national AMT convention, we will walk and celebrate all the funds raised and lives changed!

Visit the AMT/AKF partner page to register to fund raise online: www.kidneyfund.org/amt/.

Or register to walk, but not fund raise online by contacting Tracy Shaw at the American Kidney Fund (tshaw@kidneyfund.org).

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councillor's corner

AMTrax, What Is It? and Why Should I Do It?

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Surprisingly, AMTrax is not a new railway system nor is it a new version of the transportation metro card. Over time, we must leverage technology as an influence for AMT's current evolution; *e.g.*, the organization anticipating the future. The AMTrax concept was introduced in *AMT Events*, June, 2010, and put into effect July, 2010. AMTrax is a complete CE record storing program available to members on the AMT website.

First step, if you haven't yet created an online account, log onto the AMT website address americanmedtech.org, click login button, and then follow the given prompts. AMTrax is easily accessible. After login, click and familiarize yourself with the AMTrax sections. The AMT office staff is available by email or telephone to guide you through the process and answer questions. Seize the opportunity to view the available array of resources on the AMT website.

AMTrax is found by clicking the My Home Page button on the AMT website home page, select My Certifications and Memberships, and click Record Activities through AMTrax. Start recording all educational activities accordingly by entering the Type of Activity, Points earned, Date of Activity, Title of Activity, and the Location of the Activity. Next, check the small box to attest understanding of the certification continuation program (CCP) requirements and finally, click the Submit Button.

Although certified, education does not end. Yearly, members are responsible to complete discipline related continued education (CE) as proof of continued growth in excellence. Remember to keep record- ed CE documents should the AMT office request an audit. A breakdown of acceptable continued education (CE) points include:

1. Employment in related discipline
2. Employment In-services
3. Employment online training sessions
4. Formal Education - courses related to discipline
5. Professional Education - State Society Scientific Meetings and Organization Educational Programs
6. Author of Articles related to discipline
7. CE offered by AMT
 - Step Articles
 - On Demand Courses
 - Webinars
8. Instructional Presentations
9. Organizational Activities – These are to be related to core competencies of related discipline.

Today, many medical facilities mandate certification as part of the employees' credentials. Certification is indicative that a member has successfully completed the discipline related educational requirements. It is highly important to remain certified due to the ongoing changes in healthcare and the forthcoming employment requirements. ■

rma update



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Put Your Best Foot Forward

Did you know the phrase “Put your best foot forward” dates back to 1495? This phrase means to act or appear at one’s best (to try to make a good impression). Are you always trying to put your best foot forward at your workplace? This is something that you should do every moment, not just when the boss or supervisor is around. Do you take ownership of your responsibilities at work to ensure that you are giving your best and showing your best to your clients? As certified professionals, we owe it to our organization to put our best foot forward.

I just attended the spring meeting of the Arizona State Society of American Medical Technologists. There I witnessed fellow members and colleagues giving their best to the organization by their attendance and professional participation in the day’s activities.

At the meeting, I developed a stronger appreciation for my professional organization and those dedicated people who worked so hard to make the meeting successful. I know you can say this is true of your state society members too. We had some new members attending our meeting for their first time and it was music to the ears to hear their many comments about how they enjoyed the meeting and will see us

in the fall at the next meeting. The planning, volunteering and work that goes into making a meeting a reality is something that some take for granted. The next time you attend your state meeting think about those who went “above and beyond” to make it possible for the meeting to take place. Think about all the behind the scene preparation that goes into a successful event.

One of the qualities that these individuals have is initiative. The primary definition of initiative is the ability to assess and initiate things independently. It is doing something without someone having to tell us to do it. This is a great quality for a healthcare professional to possess. There are many tasks that we should probably do throughout the day without someone telling us to do it. Look around your work place. Be the person who takes the initiative to get it done.

Does your work ethic include the word initiative? Do you wait for someone else to do what you could have done?

Your coworkers will notice your action, and most will try to mimic your behavior. Anyone will tell you that there are not enough hours in the day and the work is never finished. It is possible that you have student externs or recent graduates at your medical facility. They will

see your positive action. The hope is that they will try to behave the same way.

Taking initiative and accepting responsibility is also a good way to add value to your position with the organization and providing justification for a future promotion and pay increase.

Anticipation is also an important quality. The boss or supervisor will usually not mind clearing something off their plate. If you anticipate your supervisor's needs, you will be able to discern when they have something that you can do to help and ease their responsibilities. If the supervisor trusts you by handing off tasks and responsibilities, they will soon recognize your ultimate value to the company. Managers like to promote employees that make their lives easier. So think about your attributes as an employee. Do you show initiative? Do you do more than what is expected? Do you anticipate what needs to be done in the workplace?

Show your fellow co-workers and especially your supervisor that you are willing to put your best foot forward without being told to do so.

Also, it is not be too late to plan to attend the AMT national meeting in Kansas City in July. I can only imagine the vast planning and work that goes into making this conference the most successful and memorable continuing education and business meeting.

Let me close with this little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. Author unknown. ■

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state societies



SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS		
Alabama	10/28/2017	Mobile, AL
California/Hawaii	September TBD	San Jose, CA
CASMET	10/21/2017	Georgetown, Guyana
Central Plains (KS/NE)	10/7/2017	Topeka, KS
Florida	11/4/2017	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Maine/New Hampshire	10/17-19, 2017	Portland, ME
Michigan	10/21/2017	Frankenmuth, MI
Mississippi	9/18/2017	West Point, MS
Nevada	09/22/2017	TBD
Ohio	10/7/2017	Cleveland, OH
Rocky Mountain	10/6-8/2017	Palisade, CO
Utah	9/16/ 2017	Salt Lake City, UT

In Memoriam

James George, MT, Houston, TX, certified in 1953, DOD unknown.

Marguerite B. Pentecost, MT, Decatur, AL, certified in 1967, died on Oct. 30, 2016.

Selena A. Sebastian, MT, Pittsburgh, PA, certified in 1949, DOD unknown

Dale Sprague, MT, Citrus Heights, CA, certified in 1993, died in Jan., 2016.

Nancy Carolyn J. Straw, MT, Richardson, TX, certified in 1960, died in Sept., 2016.