

Occupational Risks Disclosure

AOS Cardiovascular Technologist Programs (Invasive CVT, Adult Echocardiography, and Vascular Technology)

Students enrolled in the Cardiovascular Technologist programs, including Invasive Cardiovascular Technologist (ICVT), Adult Echocardiography (CVT), and Vascular Technologist (VT), participate in laboratory and clinical education experiences within hospitals, diagnostic laboratories, and other healthcare settings. During these activities, students may be exposed to occupational risks inherent to the profession.

Potential occupational risks include, but are not limited to:

- Exposure to **bloodborne pathogens and bodily fluids**
- Exposure to **infectious diseases**
- Exposure to **ionizing radiation** (primarily in invasive cardiovascular and catheterization laboratory settings)
- Exposure to **chemical agents, disinfectants, and medications**
- **Musculoskeletal strain or injury** from repetitive movements, prolonged standing, awkward positioning, and assisting with patient movement
- **Ergonomic stressors** associated with sonographic procedures (Adult Echocardiography and Vascular Technology)
- **Emotional stress** related to patient care, including critically ill patients and emergent procedures

Students receive instruction in **infection control, standard precautions, radiation safety (as applicable), ergonomics, and workplace safety protocols** prior to and during clinical education experiences. Students are required to adhere to all **institutional policies and procedures** of the program and assigned clinical affiliates to minimize occupational risks.

By enrolling in and participating in these programs, students acknowledge that they have been informed of these potential occupational risks and agree to comply with all safety guidelines and protocols.