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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nurse Practitioners and Collaborating Physicians working in the Emergency Room

FROM: South Dakota State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners
South Dakota Board of Nursing

RE: ATLS Training

This memorandum is intended to inform you that the Joint Board of Nursing and Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners recently considered the issue of ATLS training for those physicians and nurse practitioners practicing in South Dakota emergency rooms. Please be advised that the Joint Board highly recommends that if you have not already obtained this training that you obtain such training as soon as possible. The Joint Board firmly believes that such training will significantly enhance patient care for those patients suffering severe trauma.

The Joint Board's position regarding ATLS training will be shared with hospitals in the State and maintained as an advisory opinion of the Joint Board.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact either Board office.