We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our survey. The response was fantastic. We asked you to take part — and you really did! The total number of responses we received totaled more than 9,100 and our verifiable base respondent number of employed was 8,425.

We heard from techs, surgical assistants, educators, central and sterile supply workers, administrators and industry representatives.

For the first time, we are obtaining enough information to begin to draw an accurate picture of practitioners and share who we are, where many of us live, how many years we have been working in the field and the age of our colleagues.

Trends in employment settings are vital to our future career advancement and information gathered in this survey will inform us about
which specialties are growing; how many are employed full time; how many have been working more than four years — and how many have been working longer; how many manage budget responsibilities and how long practitioners have been certified.

The information that we publish here is intended to be merely representative and only a general summary of selected survey results. Membership in AST and ASA pays — all detailed survey results will be published behind the members’ only sections of the respective websites in January and available when AST and ASA members log in.

In addition, an online salary predictor also will also be available to AST and ASA members in January in the members’ only section of the respective websites.

The 2011 Salary Survey was sponsored by the Meridian Institute of Surgical Assisting.

Continuing Education Coordinator/Manager

The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST), a private, nonprofit professional association, is seeking a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) with a background in surgical technology education. The ideal candidate will have administrative and leadership experience that can contribute to the team in carrying out the strategic goals of the Continuing Education Department within the AST mission. A higher level academic degree is a plus, but not required.

Good written and verbal communication skills are necessary, as well as computer literacy. The individual must be detail oriented with good organizational skills, including the ability to manage projects on an independent basis, while meeting deadline dates. Excellent personal skills for communicating with the AST membership, boards, committees and staff are a requirement. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, assisting with the planning and development of AST educational events; coordinating administration of AST CE policies; assisting with research, authoring and editing of publications; and representing AST at meetings and conferences sponsored by external health organization and businesses. Job responsibilities require travel. This position reports to the Director of Continuing Education.

The AST office is located in Littleton, Colorado, approximately 10 miles south of Denver. Applications must include a cover letter, resumé and a technical writing sample. Applications may be sent by mail or email.

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