



CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER FACTS

- ◆ All athletic trainers (AT's) graduate from **ACCREDITED** programs
- ◆ All AT's have a **BACHELORS DEGREE** from an accredited college or university
- ◆ Over 70 percent of AT's have a **MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE**
- ◆ Athletic trainers are **CERTIFIED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS** under an independent national board **www.bocatc.org**
- ◆ Athletic trainers are **LICENSED** healthcare providers within the state of North Carolina
- ◆ Athletic trainers practice under the direction of a licensed **PHYSICIAN**
- ◆ ATs work in a variety of settings caring for patients of **ALL AGES**
- **Clinical Setting**
- **Physician Extender**
- **Hospital**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Military**
- **Occupational Setting**
- **Public Safety**
- ◆ Athletic trainers are recognized by the AMA as healthcare providers and have designated **CPT/UB CODES**. Like other healthcare providers, athletic trainers are **QUALIFIED** to perform **ORTHOPEDIC ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION**, and **GENERAL PHYSICAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

ATHLETIC TRAINERS SAVE MONEY

HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ Two ATs on staff provided over 11,000 treatments valued at over \$1 million if sought out by other healthcare providers

CLINIC

- ◆ Physician productivity can increase up to 22% when using a certified athletic trainer

REDUCED LIABILITY

- ◆ The presence of ATs reduces the number of deaths of student athletes dramatically. Thirty-one serious injuries or death occurred during 1996-2008 in settings without AT coverage.

(Pecha F. et al., 2008)

ATHLETIC TRAINERS SAVE LIVES

Athletic trainers are the leading experts in concussion assessment, management and return to sport. The incidence of sports-related concussion is on the rise... over the last 11 years the rate of concussion in high schools has increased 15.5%.

Many concussions go undiagnosed, with 41%

of athletes returning to play too soon. Less than 50% of high schools have athletic trainers nationwide.

Athletic Trainers are recognized under North Carolina's Gfellar-Waller Concussion Awareness Act as one of the licensed professionals sanctioned to make return to play decisions concerning concussion.

SOURCES

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