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### *A Message from Your President*

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#### **Greetings TRI-STATE Members!**

Welcome Spring! It's the wonderful time of the year when snow finally melts, trees begin to blossom, and the streets look lively and green again! What better time to participate in something new? Your passions help us all to come together as one and the energy we create as one allows us to achieve our individual as well as group goals. We need you to help us grow, and therefore we are so happy to invite you join us and contribute your expertise with us.

We can't do it without you. The Tristate Society is active in CT- RI and MA and we have many active members and positions open. It takes a team to grow an organization and we have so much talent to make it happen. I am looking for a team to make this possible. I am still searching to fill the following positions...Board Members - Activities Chair- Legislation Chair and more...

I will provide job descriptions for each available position. These positions are **volunteer** positions. A great way to add your pride of profession to your resumes, career development and networking with other states. Please contact me for additional information.



Tristate has a new email [trissamt@gmail.com](mailto:trissamt@gmail.com) – Connect with me with ideas for future topics to present or your interest in serving on our team. It is important to stay certified, be sure you update your profile with AMT and pay your dues, so you are sure to receive all the benefits membership provides as well as receiving emails with updated information.

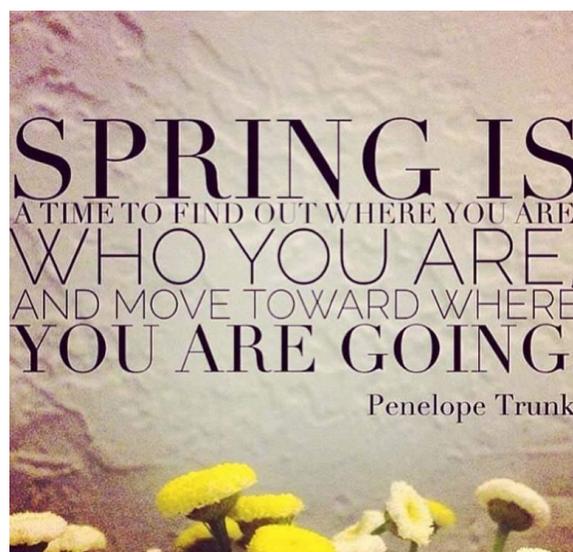
Our next planned Scientific meeting will be held in October this year. Please send me ideas of topics of interest to you. We will continue to offer CEU's without cost to you. Remember to Comply with the Certification Continuation Program (CCP) every three years. CCP requires AMT certified members to document activities supporting continuation of AMT certification every three years.

The 81st AMT Educational Program and National Meeting will be in Chicago Illinois July 1-5, 2019. I hope by now you have made plans to attend. Please let me know if you are attending.

I would like to welcome all our new members to our state society and look forward to you participating in our state activities.

*Wishing you all a Happy Spring!*

**Phyllis Nordby**, RMA, President Tri-State Society



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*Eastern Councillor Message*

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Warm greetings to Everyone.

Congratulations, Diane Powell, Director (AMT). She has retired after completing 23 years as an AMT staff overseeing publications and annual meetings.

Salutations to the Officers of the AMT Board of Directors:

President: Jeannette Hobson, RMA, RPT, CMAS, AHI  
Vice President: Christopher Seay, MT  
Secretary: Deborah Westervelt, RMA, COLT  
Treasurer: Ken Hawker, MT

For meeting updates, click onto the AMT website and check the State Society website, newsletter or email blasts announcements. Members enter onto your digital calendar the date, time, and place of the State Society Meetings and the AMT Convention.

Attend and participate in your state society meetings. Learn about your state officers, board members, and the various committees. At the AMT convention participate in the committees, attend various events, and meet fellow members. The educational programs offer a selection of topics to earn continue education points to maintain certification. The meetings offer an opportunity to network with the best and brightest allied health professionals.

The 81<sup>st</sup> AMT Educational Program and National Meeting, July 1- 5, 2019 in Chicago, IL; the “Windy City”, at the Chicago Hilton Hotel. A preliminary educational program will be available April. The May 1<sup>st</sup> early bird registration and the link for the hotel reservation is available on the AMT website. This year, I wonder who takes home the state society gift basket or gift card at the AMT Welcome Party raffle drawing!

State Society Delegate should be a member in good standing, is up to date in renewal dues, and if required to; has completed the CCP requirements. Remember to record continued education points using AMTrax on the website. Be ready for that possible surprise Audit.

A full day Leadership Training will be included in the AMT Educational Program for Friday. All members are invited to attend. Although CE points will not be granted, the sessions will be an enjoyable learning experience with power point presentations and games. However, only the delegate members attending the leadership training sessions will receive reimbursement for the Friday.

In 2020 the 82<sup>nd</sup> AMT Educational Program and National Meeting will be held at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Step up and be involved, attend the state society meetings and the AMT Convention.

Best regards,

Ivette Rivera, RMA. AHI. RPT (AMT)  
Eastern District Councillor

## **ASK ME ABOUT BECOMING A DELEGATE REPRESENT TRI-STATE AT THE NATIONAL MEETING**

**It's not too late.**

### **July 1-5, 2019**

**AMT in Chicago 81st Educational Program and National Meeting**

**Special Hotel Rates**

For additional Information: Contact AMT: 10700 West  
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## To be a Delegate for the AMT Educational Program and National Meeting July 1-5, 2019



**The following responsibilities must be met prior to receiving any stipend:**

1. Must credential prior to the Annual Business Meeting.
2. Must attend Resolutions Committee meeting.
3. Must attend Meet the Candidates.
4. Must attend the District meeting.
5. Must attend the Town Hall meeting.
6. Must attend the Annual Business meeting.
7. Must submit a delegate report as per SS requirements.
8. Any other requirements the SS may require.

Contact Phyllis Nordby to register as a delegate- [trissamt@gmail.com](mailto:trissamt@gmail.com)

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*Legislation Activities*

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General Assembly

**Proposed Bill No. 95**

**AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS UNDER SUPERVISION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:  
That the general statutes be amended to permit certified medical assistants to administer vaccines under the supervision of a licensed physician.

**Statement of Purpose:**

- To allow certified medical assistants to administer vaccines.

General Assembly

**Proposed Bill No. 5647**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS BY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AT FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That the general statutes be amended to authorize the Commissioner of Public Health to permit a medical assistant in a federally qualified health center to administer medication under the order of a licensed health care provider who is authorized to prescribe medications, provided such medical assistant has completed not less than twenty-four hours of classroom training and not less than eight 6 hours of clinical training regarding the administration of medications.

**Statement of Purpose:**

- To enhance the administration of medications at federally qualified health centers.

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*Update from AMT Legal Counsel*

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**Sent:** *Thursday, January 24, 2019*

Dear AMT Tri-State leaders:

Last week two bills were introduced in the Connecticut General Assembly that would authorize medical assistants to administer medications in certain settings. Both bills are bare-bones “placeholders” that require further fleshing-out during the committee review process.

The first bill, **SB 95**, would amend exiting law to “permit certified assistants to administer vaccines under the supervision of a licensed physician.” (The term “certified medical assistant” is not defined.) The other bill, **HB 5647**, would “permit a medical assistant in a federally qualified health center to administer medication under the order of a licensed health care provider who is authorized to prescribe medication, provided such medical assistant has completed not less than twenty-four hours of classroom training and not less than eight hours of clinical training regarding the administration of medications.” Copies of the bills as introduced are attached.

As you know, similar bills have been introduced in each of the past four years in the CT General Assembly, only to go down to defeat late in the session when registered nurses voiced opposition. The nurses’ concerns largely stem from an unfounded fear that the legislation would allow MAs to administer medications in inpatient settings, which has never been the intent (or language) of the previous bills.

AMT has not decided whether to actively pursue the enactment of a MA bill in Connecticut this year. Given the substantial investment in that goal over the past four years, AMT is reluctant to throw good money after bad. However, if either of these bills (or any other MA legislation) shows signs of life this year, it may be advisable to be involved in order to promote and protect AMT members’ interests. If it becomes necessary or advisable to retain the lobbyist we have used in the past, AMT National will expect a contribution from Tri-State for a substantial portion of the fees. We believe Tri-State’s treasury is in solid shape and can withstand the expense of a lobbyist if one becomes necessary.

Meanwhile, we’ll keep an eye on developments at the General Assembly and pass along any significant news. Who knows, maybe the fifth time’s a charm ....

Regards,

Michael McCarty

*AMT Legal Counsel*

## AMT Announces Launch of New Certification for Molecular Diagnostics Technologist

02/15/19

American Medical Technologists (AMT), a long-standing certification agency for laboratory professionals, has announced the introduction of a new professional certification credential: Molecular Diagnostics Technologist (MDT). Also referred to as genetic testing or personalized medicine, molecular diagnostics is a rapidly evolving field and increasingly important for research, diagnosis, and treatment decisions in medicine. Visit AMT website for more details!

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## REACH Certificate Programs

Each REACH Certificate Program is an online training curriculum focused on a specialty area or specific skillset. At the successful conclusion of each course, the healthcare professional is awarded a certificate to signify mastery of the subject-matter. In addition, a digital badge is issued that can be shared via social media with employers and other interested parties.

Each REACH certificate course is administered online by AMT and varies in length. The courses are self-paced, not moderated, and can be taken on any computer. Average length of a course is 5 hours and grants an equivalent number of CE points. The courses can be taken on any computer (no tablet or phone). They are modular with multiple lessons and quizzes within each module. The quizzes can be taken multiple times but the final assessment, usually around 100 questions, is only taken once. At the successful conclusion of the course, the participant is awarded a certificate and a digital badge.



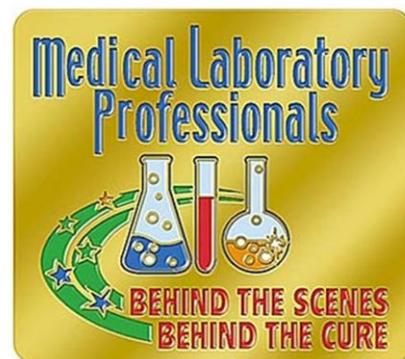
April 21-27, 2019

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week calls attention to the vital contributions to healthcare made by medical laboratory science professionals. AMT is grateful for our certified laboratory professionals and the hard work they do each day to improve patient care.

This week is a time for medical laboratory personnel to celebrate their professionalism and be recognized for their efforts. Another goal is to inform and educate medical colleagues and the public about the medical laboratory and the impact of having these dedicated skilled professionals has on the overall patient care.

Check out AMT's Member Spotlight

Carlo Ledesma, MT(AMT)



# TRISTATE SCIENTIFIC MEETING FALL 2019

## Calling All Professionals!

- Medical Assistant (RMA)
- Phlebotomy Technician (RPT)
- Medical Administrative Specialist (CMAS)
- Dental Assistant (RDA)
- Medical Technologist (MT)
- Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)
- Medical Laboratory Assistant (CMLA)
- Molecular Diagnostics Technologist (MDT)
- Certified Laboratory Consultant (CLC)
- Allied Health Instructor (AHI)



Let's make our 2019 Scientific Meeting

TRISTATE STRONG!!

We need.....

- ✚ Keynote speakers
- ✚ Topic ideas
- ✚ Members
- ✚ Students

Spread the word- WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER

@ - email [trissamt@gmail.com](mailto:trissamt@gmail.com)

TRISTATE SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2018 FUN



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## *Looking to Make an Impact?*

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### **Become an Author of an Article for the CE Journal**

Make an impact on your profession by writing an article for AMT's CE Journal!

AMT is looking for individuals to write articles on topics relevant to our certificants. If your article is accepted for publication you can get 10 certification continuation program (CCP) points and first-time authors receive a modest stipend if the article is published.

<https://www.americanmedtech.org/Be-Involved/Looking-to-Make-an-Impact>

### Upcoming events:

*TriState Scientific Meeting: October 2019- TBA*

*October 21-25, 2019*

*Registered Medical Assistants (RMA) and the American Medical Technologists (AMT) will be celebrating Medical Assistants Recognition Week (MARW) in October. Please join AMT in promoting this important event that recognizes medical assisting's vital role, contributions and efforts in health care and help us begin raising awareness of the profession today.*



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