

Attachment C: Stakeholder Letters of Support



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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAAA) welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with NIOSH in your planned health and safety survey of healthcare workers. AAAA represents more than 750 anesthesiologist assistants (including students) in various work settings who are potentially exposed to anesthetic gases as part of their job. We would be very interested in any data on work practices, exposure determinants, and use of exposure controls which can lead to improved health and safety of our members.

AAAA looks forward to collaboration on this project. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

Pete Kaluszyk, AA-C
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July 17, 2009

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Re: Letter of support concerning the NIOSH Surveys of Healthcare Workers and Management Health and Safety Practices

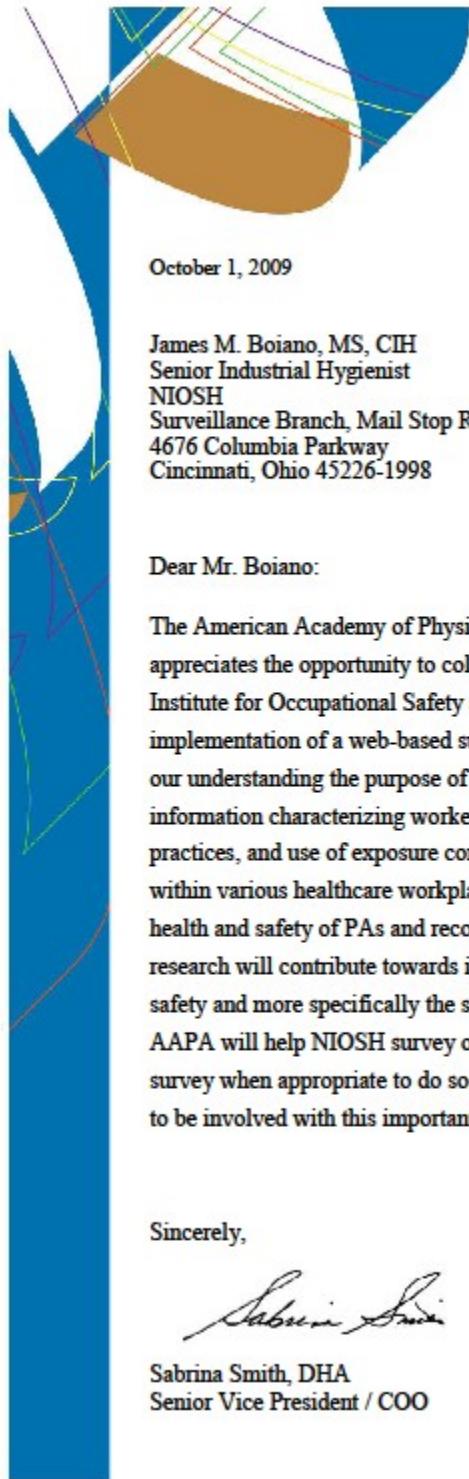
Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) is the professional association for more than 39,000 nurse anesthetists and student nurse anesthetists dedicated to providing quality anesthesia care in the United States. Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) provide approximately 30 million anesthetics each year in this country and, in some states, are the sole anesthesia providers in nearly 100 percent of the rural hospitals.

The AANA appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. It is our understanding that the purpose of this survey is to generate information characterizing healthcare worker exposures, health and safety practices, and the use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces. The AANA is dedicated to the health and safety of CRNAs and recognizes the value NIOSH's research will contribute towards improving healthcare worker safety and CRNA safety, more specifically. The AANA will help NIOSH survey our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Boiano:

The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. It is our understanding the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing worker exposures, health and safety practices, and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces. AAPA is dedicated to the health and safety of PAs and recognizes the value of NIOSH's research will contribute towards improving healthcare worker safety and more specifically the safety and health of our members. AAPA will help NIOSH survey our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Academy of Physician Assistants in Occupational Medicine (AAPA-OM) supports the efforts of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on your implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. We would like to assist your efforts to assure all healthcare workers in the industry have a safe environment to work. AAPA-OM believes your research will contribute greatly to that endeavor. AAPA-OM is dedicated to understanding, diagnosis and treating environmental hazardous exposures of workers in their work environment. In cooperation with the AAPA, we stand ready to contribute to the task that you have described and will contact our members to help you in this worthwhile endeavor. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to email your need.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl B. Wagner, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Association of Pharmacy Technicians (AAPT) welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with NIOSH in your proposed project to conduct a health and safety survey of healthcare workers. AAPT represents 600 pharmacy technicians in various work settings who have potential exposure to antineoplastic agents. We would be very interested in any data on work practices, exposure determinants, and use of exposure controls which can lead to improved health and safety of our members. However, we do suggest you consider changing Module B to read "Pharmacy", "Pharmacy Personnel", or "Pharmacists and Technicians", rather than just "Pharmacists".

AAPT looks forward to collaboration on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Covington".

Sandra Covington
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C: AAPT Executive Board



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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Association for Respiratory Care appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. It is our understanding the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing worker exposures, health and safety practices, and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces.

AARC is dedicated to the health and safety of respiratory therapists and recognizes the value of NIOSH's research will contribute towards improving healthcare worker safety and more specifically the safety and health of our members.

AARC will help NIOSH survey our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Kallstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Kallstrom, RRT
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September 14, 2009

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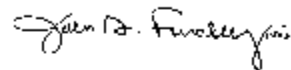
I am writing this letter on behalf of the American Dental Association (ADA) in support of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Healthcare Worker Survey.

As a measure of our support, the ADA will assist NIOSH in drawing the survey sample and disseminating the survey to collect data related to occupational health and safety issues. The survey aims to describe the prevalence and distribution of important health and safety hazards and perceptions, work practices, and use of exposure controls by occupation and by type and size of establishment. The survey will yield data that will help NIOSH to identify gaps relative to utilization of best practices and help define future research and intervention priorities. The survey results also will help the ADA, which is in the best position to determine which of the resulting NIOSH findings apply to dentistry and how best to address them, identify areas for expanding guidance, safety training and continuing education.

The ADA has a long record of investing in educational and research activities in an effort to make the dental office safer for dentists and patients. For example, the Association has conducted its annual Health Screening Program (HSP) for more than 30 years. More than just a complimentary medical and health screening program, HSP has evolved into a cutting-edge research program that now boasts the largest national database on the health of dental professionals. Program data have been used to inform infection control policies and standard precautions, as well as to develop safety guidelines related to amalgam, latex sensitivity and bloodborne pathogens.

The ADA's commitment to protecting the health of dental healthcare personnel embodies its support for the NIOSH Healthcare Worker Survey.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. It is our understanding the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing work exposures, health and safety practices and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces. ADAA is dedicated to the health and safety of dental assistants and recognizes the value of NIOSH's research and its contribution towards improving healthcare worker safety and, more specifically, the safety and health of our members. ADAA will assist NIOSH surveying our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence H. Seftin
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Dear Mr. Boiano:

On behalf of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the NIOSH Surveys of Healthcare Workers and Management. As you have explained the objective of this project is to describe the prevalence and distribution of important health and safety hazards and perceptions, work practices, and use of exposure controls from a healthcare worker perspective. In addition, it will describe institution-based health and safety management policies, programs and resources of health care establishments, from the perspective of the person responsible for employee health and safety.

The ADHA supports research that will address the health and safety needs of hygienists and all health care workers. We believe that this study will assist in filling the gaps regarding top health and safety issues facing healthcare workers and information which describes facility-based health and safety management programs, policies and practices differentiated by type and size of healthcare establishment.

If we could provide you with any professional or technical assistance regarding this promising and much needed study, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Boiano:

The American Nurses Association (ANA) provides its continued support of and collaboration with National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the NIOSH Health Care Worker Survey. ANA agrees that the survey will provide information that will be useful to NIOSH in identifying gaps relative to utilization of best practices and define future research and intervention priorities and can also be utilized by participating organizations for benchmarking, identifying areas for expanding guidelines, safety training, and other emphasis to help improve safety in the work place.

As a partnering professional organization, ANA will continue to help with the many steps and process of the survey including the selection of ANA members to participate in the survey process. We look forward to receiving the data with the outcomes of the survey process, as well.

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses (RNs) through its 51 constituent member nurses associations, its 24 specialty nursing and workforce advocacy affiliate organizations that currently connect to ANA as affiliates. ANA members are very concerned about occupational health and safety issues.

ANA very grateful to NIOSH for doing this important work, and thank you for the opportunity to collaborate on this project.

Yours truly,

Nancy L. Hughes, MS, RN
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Association of periOperative Registered Nurses

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June 22, 2009

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Dear Mr. Boiano,

AORN is writing in support of your proposed Healthcare Worker Survey conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). We look forward to the opportunity to work with you to describe the prevalence and distribution of important health and safety hazards and perceptions, work practices, and use of exposure controls. The survey results will aid AORN with benchmarking data, identifying emphasis areas for expanding guidelines, safety training, etc.

AORN has advocated for workplace safety for perioperative professionals with guidelines for sharps injury prevention in the perioperative setting, latex safety, and safe on-call practices; position statements on workplace safety, smoke evacuation, and safe work/on-call practices; and recommended practices on reducing radiological exposure, laser safety, transmissible infection prevention, and decreasing hazards in the perioperative setting. AORN working in conjunction with NIOSH developed and published a guidance statement on *Safe Patient Handling and Movement in the Perioperative Setting* last year. AORN and NIOSH continue their working relationship in developing a tool kit for the *Safe Patient Handling and Movement in the Perioperative Setting* guideline.

We believe that the long-range implications of this project will benefit the health of all healthcare workers. We strongly encourage NIOSH to support and fund this project and look forward to disseminating the information to our membership. AORN and its members will benefit from the lessons learned from the aggregate results (i.e., tabular and graphical presentations of frequency distributions of response categories to each question in the survey questionnaire responses) for their members who complete the survey.

Sincerely,

Linda Groah, RN, MSN, CNOR, CNAA, FAAN
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ASSOCIATION of PEDIATRIC
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Dear Mr. Boiano:

The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) is delighted to write this letter of support for the survey being conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. We understand that the purpose of the survey is to describe the prevalence and distribution of important health and safety hazards and perceptions, work practices, and use of exposure controls by occupation and by the type and size establishment. We are eager to use the results to identify additional education needs of our members.

To assist you in this worthwhile endeavor, we will distribute your web-based survey to our members of the targeted audience you wish to reach.

Please do not hesitate to contact APHON's manager, Nicole Wallace at 647/375-3689 or nwallace@connect2americ.com should you need anything additional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bergeson', is written over a faint, light-colored grid background.

David Bergeson, PhD CAE
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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. It is our understanding the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing worker exposures, health and safety practices, and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces.

ASA is dedicated to the health and safety of anesthesiologists and looks forward to the contribution of NIOSH's research towards the safety and health of healthcare workers. ASA will help NIOSH survey our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so.

Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Boiano:

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. The Society's more than 35,000 members include pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who practice in a variety of health-system settings, including inpatient, outpatient, home care, and long-term-care settings. The Society has an extensive history of providing information and resources that help to ensure the health and safety of healthcare workers involved in the preparation and dispensing of hazardous drugs.

ASHP understands that the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing worker exposures, health and safety practices, and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces. The Society recognizes and supports the value of NIOSH's research and believes it will provide significant contributions to efforts to improve healthcare worker safety and more specifically the safety and health of our members. ASHP is pleased to assist NIOSH with conveying the survey to our members and looks forward to promoting the survey results when appropriate to do so.

Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey. If you have any questions concerning the Society's support of this project, please contact me by phone at (301) 664-8664 or via e-mail at creilly@ashp.org.

Sincerely,

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TOGETHER WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM



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September 15, 2009

Dear Mr. Boiano,

The American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. It is our understanding the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing worker exposures, health and safety practices, and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces. The American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses is dedicated to the health and safety of perianesthesia nurses working in diverse practice settings and recognizes the value of NIOSH's research will contribute towards improving healthcare worker safety and more specifically the safety and health of our members. The American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses will help NIOSH survey our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

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August 26, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express full support from the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) for the survey that is being conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on the prevalence and distribution of important health and safety hazards and perceptions, work practices, and use of exposure controls.

At 132,000 members, the ASRT is the largest professional society for radiologic technologists in the United States. Radiologic technologists (RTs) are the medical personnel who perform diagnostic imaging examinations and administer radiation therapy treatments. Our primary role in this study is to provide a random sample of ASRT members based upon a criteria established by NIOSH. These members will be sent an email with an embedded hot link to the survey.

Upon the conclusion of the study, the ASRT will send a notification of the report to its members, as well as to educational program directors and facility managers. Results will also be made available to the public via the CDC/NIOSH public web site, technical reports and journal articles.

RTs are often exposed to hazardous chemicals in their day-to-day work activity. We believe that this survey will help determine safety related information that will greatly benefit the RT profession, and we offer our full support of its implementation.

Sincerely,

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John Culbertson
Director of Research
American Society of Radiologic Technologists

June 26, 2009

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Mr. Boiano:

The following is in regard to the survey that NIOSH has invited the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) to participate.

AST very much appreciates the opportunity to participate in a national survey on health care hazards that NIOSH is coordinating. Accordingly, AST encourages the Office of Management and Budget to approve and support this important effort by NIOSH. With the emphasis on patient and health care worker safety NIOSH is to be commended for its efforts to develop a comprehensive national survey that will collect information from health care workers on issues such as exposure to anesthetic gases, chemical sterilants, high level disinfectants and surgical smoke/plume as well as the prevalence of workplace violence. As you well know, these hazards are highly relevant to operating room personnel including Certified Surgical Technologists (CST) and Certified First Assistants (CFA).

As evidenced by the comments above, AST fully supports the efforts of NIOSH to collect information that will aid in identifying variances in the application of best practices in order to address methods to work towards standardized practices in the health care community. The survey results will be important to AST when identifying areas of continuing education safety training for its membership, establishing education benchmarks for surgical technology programs, and serve as a resource for specific AST recommended standards of practice for surgical technology and surgical assisting.

If you have any questions or need for further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM) appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. It is our understanding the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing worker exposures, health and safety practices, and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces. IAHCSMM is dedicated to the health and safety of Central Service and Sterile Processing professionals and recognizes the value NIOSH's research will contribute towards improving healthcare worker safety and more specifically the safety and health of our members. IAHCSMM will help NIOSH survey our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

Natalie Lind

Natalie J. Lind, CRCST, CHL
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Infusion Nurses Society (INS) is pleased to participate in the NIOSH Healthcare Worker Survey.

Surveying Members

INS agrees to survey members via email on the use of antineoplastic agents. INS will also complete the checklist to ensure the survey is pertinent to our members.

Recruitment, follow- up and thank you emails

INS will send individual emails to the targeted members. The recruitment, follow-up and thank you emails will be developed in collaboration with NIOSH and INS.

Results

Results for the survey will be sent to INS and the targeted members.

Thank you very much for having INS participate in this important endeavor.

Best Regards,

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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The National Pharmacy Technician Association (NPTA) welcomes the opportunity to continue to collaborate with NIOSH in your proposed project to conduct a health and safety survey of healthcare workers. NPTA represents about 30,000 pharmacy technicians in various work settings, some of whom prepare or mix antineoplastic agents as part of their job. We would be very interested in any data on work practices, exposure determinants, and use of exposure controls which can lead to improved health and safety of our members.

NPTA looks forward to collaboration on this project.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 2009

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Dear Mr. Boiano:

The National Surgical Assistant Association is pleased to be partnering with NIOSH in this survey effort. You have our complete support and willingness to assist in any way possible. We feel strongly that the information derived from this survey will be extremely important and helpful to our organization and to our members.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or requests for assistance.

Sincerely,

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President



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Dear Mr. Boiano,

The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is pleased to collaborate with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on its implementation of a web-based survey of healthcare workers. ONS is the only national non-profit organization dedicated solely to support and advocacy for oncology nursing practice through its mission to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. ONS currently has over 37,000 members throughout the United States.

It is our understanding that the purpose of this survey is to generate current information characterizing worker exposures, health and safety practices, and use of exposure controls of selected occupations within various healthcare workplaces. With millions of healthcare professionals handling hazardous drugs every year, and reports of contamination in the workplace, it is important for nurses to focus on safe handling practices and education. Safe handling of hazardous drugs is an extremely important topic for ONS as we look toward publishing a revision to the ONS *Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs* book in the future. ONS looks to organizations such as yours for expert recommendations regarding healthcare worker safety and more specifically the health and safety of our members.

ONS will help NIOSH survey our members and promote the survey when appropriate to do so. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important work.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for this opportunity to be involved with this important survey.

Sincerely,

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