

Is an Athletic Trainer your next hire?

ATs in physician practice improve productivity, patient outcomes, and satisfaction. They help move patients more effectively and efficiently through the appointment, evaluation and treatment process. ATs provide value to the practice through skills in triage, taking patient histories, performing evaluations, providing instruction on exercise prescriptions, rehabilitation and general patient education.



What can an AT deliver to your physician practice?

“Having an Athletic Trainer as part of my care team has been paramount in the success of my practice due to their ability to not only identify the needs of each patient in an efficient and accurate manner, but also their aptitude to connect with patients is unparalleled and immediately earns the trust of the patients we care for.”



-Dr. Carrie Jaworski
 from NorthShore
 University HealthSystem

- Research indicates an increase in patient throughput of between 15% and 30%
- Hiring ATs can increase collections up to 60% per day
- Physicians can focus on billable services
- Patients report significant increase in satisfaction and willingness to refer friends and family
- Research has found physicians who hire ATs are exceptionally satisfied

Sources:

<https://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/financial-impact-ats-physician-practice.pdf>

<https://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/medical-assistants-certified-ats-physician-practice.pdf>

ATs are versatile clinicians

Athletic trainers are educated, trained, and evaluated in five major practice domains:

- Injury and illness prevention and wellness promotion
- Examination, assessment, and diagnosis
- Immediate and emergency care
- Therapeutic intervention
- Health care administration and professional responsibility

“Athletic Trainers have the right educational background, drive, and passion for orthopedics and sports medicine to be the perfect support in the clinic as well as the operating room for my practice.”

-Dr. Steven Chudik

Hinsdale Orthopaedics/Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine Teaching & Research Foundation



“Patient satisfaction is improved due to increased 1:1 care provided by the Athletic Trainers and Physicians.”

-Dr. Jerrad Zimmerman

Carle Sports Medicine

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Certified athletic trainers must have earned a bachelors or masters degree from a Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) accredited program. ATs must pass the national board certification exam administered by the Board of Certification (BOC). Additionally, ATs must be licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to practice in Illinois.



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