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Dear Ian Leslie

Re: Orthopaedic Technicians

I write to urge the BOA Council to insist upon the employment in the casting services of only those Orthopaedic Technicians and Nurses who hold the BOA/RCN[SOTN]/AOT Casting Techniques Certificate (now known as the British Casting Certificate). In terms of clinical governance, safe practice and litigious risks to Trusts this is the minimum acceptable standard qualification for those employed in such settings.

The BOA initiated and has supported this training for some 25 years and it is surely now time in the interests of acceptable standards that this situation was officially moved forward. The Council should make a statement to the effect that all personnel who apply casts should hold the BCC qualification or be in training towards it. This should be seen as the minimum safe standard and Orthopaedic Consultants should be unwilling to work in settings where this level of qualified staff is not provided.