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CAA Week brings awareness to highly-skilled advanced practice providers

Middleton, Wis. – A national week of recognition for Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAA) starts Monday, June 7, and continues through Sunday, June 13.

Since the profession's inception nearly 50 years ago, CAAs have played an integral role in the Anesthesia Care Team (ACT) to deliver high-quality, safe, and effective healthcare services to patients. CAAs are highly skilled advanced practice providers who work at the direction of licensed physician Anesthesiologists to implement all aspects of anesthesia care plans.

"The future of safe anesthesia care resides in the Care Team, where physician anesthesiologists and CAAs work together for the benefit of every patient," said Kristl Kamm, CAA, President of the American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAAA). "Supporting CAA Week is one way to support the anesthesia care team model directly, ensuring a physician anesthesiologist will always be involved in a patient's anesthesia care."

CAAs hold a Master's degree in Anesthesia, receive extensive clinical training in Anesthesiology, and are board-certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME).

In the ACT, CAAs manage pulmonary and cardiac functions as a routine part of peri-operative care, obtain patient histories, and monitor and manage critically ill patients.

CAAs can establish all advanced airway interventions, manage invasive and non-invasive ventilatory support, and perform vascular access, including the placement of central and arterial lines for resuscitation and critical care in the OR and ICU.

Celebrate CAAs' contributions to patient care and the Anesthesia Care Team by using the hashtag #CAAWeek.

Visit www.anesthetist.org for more information on CAAs and the AAAA.

For more CAA Week resources, visit www.anesthetist.org/caa-week.

About AAAA

Founded in 1975, the American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAAA) is the national organization dedicated to the ethical advancement of the Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA) profession and excellence in patient care through education, advocacy, and promotion of the Anesthesia

Care Team. With nearly 2,000 members, AAAA is the nationally recognized voice of the profession and impacts the expansion of the CAA profession to all 50 states influencing legislation, regulations, and workforce policies. To learn more, visit www.anesthetist.org, email info@anesthetist.org.