

Position Statement

Certified Hyperbaric Technologist (CHT)

The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS) recognizes a *Certified Hyperbaric Technologist* (CHT) as being one who has completed the application process which includes training, internship and the examination requirements as outlined by the National Board of Diving & Hyperbaric Medical Technology (NBDHMT). The NBDHMT identifies competencies but does not define a scope of practice.

It is important to understand that the NBDHMT does not require the CHT to maintain his or her qualifying vocation to be eligible for recertification; however, it is the position of the UHMS that the CHT maintain a qualifying vocation for recertification.

It is further acknowledged that the scope of practice for these individuals is state specific and, as such, defined by each vocation's state board of professional licensure, certification requirements and applicable government regulations. Employing hospitals or organizations should have a written policy and/or job description detailing these specific licensing and privileging requirements, as well as the scope of clinical privileges and limitations established for the CHT.