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I graduated my Surgical Technology school in 2008 and have been certified since then. I paid a lot of money and worked very hard for and during my education. While working full time for Asante, I am also a lab instructor for Linn Benton Community College and their Surgical Technology program. I very strongly believe it is our duty to our patients to be their advocates in their most vulnerable time. The best way we do that is to be educated by a school which has taken the proper steps to be CAHEP and ARC accredited. There is no way to justify on the job training. Learning when someone's life hangs in the balance is putting our community at a safety risk for retained items, surgical site infections, improper procedures and at worst death.