Cardiovascular Technologist/Technician

Overview
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians assist physicians in diagnosing and treating cardiac (heart) and peripheral vascular (blood vessel) ailments. Cardiovascular technologists may specialize in three areas of practice: Invasive cardiology, cardiac sonography, and vascular technology sonography. Cardiovascular technicians who specialize in electrocardiograms (EKGs), stress testing, and Holter monitors are known as cardiographic or EKG technicians. Typically cardiovascular technologists earn an average salary of $42,575 per year according to a study conducted by the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals. Technicians averaged $40,810 per year.

To learn more, watch the video profile of "Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians."

Working Conditions
Technologists and technicians generally work a 5-day, 40-hour week that may include weekends. Those in catheterization labs tend to work longer hours and may work evenings. They also may be on call during the night and on weekends.

Academic Requirements
Although a few cardiovascular technologists, vascular technologists, and cardiac sonographers are currently trained on the job, most receive training in 2- to 4-year programs and normally complete a 2-year junior or community college program. One year is dedicated to core courses followed by a year of specialized instruction in either invasive, noninvasive cardiovascular, or noninvasive vascular technology. Those who are qualified in a related allied health profession only need to complete the year of specialized instruction.

Search for schools that provide training for this career.

Professional Associations
- Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals
- American Society of Echocardiography

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