The National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) is the professional membership association for certified athletic trainers and others who support the athletic training profession. Founded in 1950, the NATA has grown to more than 45,000 members worldwide today. NATA’s mission is to represent, engage and foster the continued growth and development of the athletic training profession and athletic trainers as unique health care providers.

WHO ARE ATHLETIC TRAINERS?

Health care professionals who render service or treatment, under the direction of or in collaboration with a physician, in accordance with their education and training and the states’ statutes, rules and regulations. As a part of the health care team, services provided by athletic trainers include injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.

CDC STATISTICS ON MEDICAL CONDITIONS EVALUATED BY ATHLETIC TRAINERS:

- **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Concussion:**
  - In 2014, approximately 2.87 million TBI-related emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and deaths occurred in the United States, including over 837,000 of these health events among children. TBI contributed to the deaths of 56,800 people, including 2,529 deaths among children.*

- **Sudden Cardiac Arrest:**
  - Each year, more than 350,000 people experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA). Approximately 70% - 90% of individuals with OHCA die before reaching the hospital.*

- **Opioid Abuse:**
  - 67,367 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in 2018. Opioids were involved in 46,802 (69.5%) of those deaths.*


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