

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

---

Legislative Document

No. 1427

H.P. 991

House of Representatives, March 22, 2005

### **An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists**

---

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AUSTIN of Gray, CURLEY of Scarborough,  
McCORMICK of West Gardiner, RECTOR of Thomaston, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport,  
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, HOBBS of York.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2  
4  
6  
8  
10  
12  
14  
16  
18  
20  
22  
24  
26  
28  
30  
32  
34  
36  
38  
40  
42  
44  
46  
48

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 8 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 8

REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALISTS

§431. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Cardiologist. "Cardiologist" means a physician who has successfully completed an approved cardiology training program, including, but not limited to, a program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, or its equivalent or successor.

2. Cardiovascular invasive specialist. "Cardiovascular invasive specialist" means a cardiovascular invasive specialist who is currently registered by a cardiovascular credentialing organization and who, working under the direct supervision of a cardiologist, performs procedures on patients for diagnosis or treatment of congenital or acquired heart disease.

3. Supervising cardiologist. "Supervising cardiologist" means a physician currently possessing an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in this State who practices in the medical specialty of cardiology and has successfully completed a residency in cardiology approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or its equivalent or successor.

4. Supervision. "Supervision" means medical direction and acceptance of responsibility for the cardiac services rendered by a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist in a manner provided for in law and the adopted protocol of a hospital licensed in the State. The supervising cardiologist must be in the hospital and in the operative area such that the cardiologist can be immediately available to participate directly in the care of the patient with whom the cardiovascular invasive specialist and the cardiologist are jointly involved.

§432. Functions and duties

Cardiovascular invasive specialists may perform medical tasks and services according to a hospital's written practice protocols developed for cardiovascular invasive specialists

2 pursuant to section 434. Within the practice protocols the  
3 registered cardiovascular invasive specialist, under the  
4 supervision of a cardiologist, may:

5 1. Baseline patient assessment. Perform baseline patient  
6 assessment;

7 2. Evaluate patient response. Evaluate patient response to  
8 diagnostic or interventional maneuvers and medications during  
9 cardiac catheterization laboratory procedures;

10 3. Provide patient care and drug administration. Provide  
11 patient care and drug administration commonly used in the cardiac  
12 catheterization laboratory under the direction of a qualified  
13 physician;

14 4. Act as first assistant. Act as first assistant during  
15 diagnostic and therapeutic catheterization procedures;

16 5. Monitor and analyze hemodynamic data. Monitor and  
17 analyze hemodynamic data during all therapeutic and diagnostic  
18 catheterization procedures; and

19 6. Assist in advanced cardiac life support procedures.  
20 Assist in advanced cardiac life support procedures.

### 21 **§433. Supervision**

22 A cardiovascular invasive specialist may practice only under  
23 the supervision of a supervising cardiologist. A supervising  
24 cardiologist may not supervise more than 2 registered  
25 cardiovascular invasive specialists at any one time.

### 26 **§434. Protocols**

27 A cardiovascular invasive specialist shall practice within  
28 the written scope of a hospital's practice protocols. The  
29 hospital shall adopt these practice protocols, which must be  
30 signed by the supervising cardiologists and cardiovascular  
31 invasive specialists practicing at the hospital. Copies of the  
32 protocols must be on file at all practice sites. The protocols  
33 must include at a minimum the following:

34 1. Names of supervising cardiologists. Names, license  
35 numbers and practice addresses of the supervising cardiologists;

36 2. Names of cardiovascular invasive specialists. Names and  
37 practice addresses of the cardiovascular invasive specialists;

