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Dear Mr. Gittell:

We are in receipt of your request to the Association of Air Medical Services regarding our Transport Nurse Advanced Trauma Course (TNATC).

Organizations that host a TNATC course request the type of lab that is readily available and cost effective for their facility. Either animal or simulator meets the criteria of the course. However, it is becoming apparent that simulators are more advanced than they were years ago and less expensive than live labs. Out of the 30 courses held/scheduled this year, only one course requested a live animal lab.

We anticipate the trend will continue to use simulators in our TNATC course. However, there may be an occasion when the sponsoring organization of a course and their staff insist on a live animal lab. The TNATC Advisory Committee will take each and every request under consideration.

We hope this provides clarification and responds to your questions.

Sincerely,

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President