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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Re: Patient Care Technical Day January 25, 2012

The Provincial Executive has set the fourth Thursday in January – that's January 25 in 2012 -- as "Patient Care Technical Day" and is asking HEU locals across the province to organize activities to recognize the contributions made by our members who work in patient care technical classifications.

These members often work behind the scenes but their skills and expertise are essential to making sure that a range of patient procedures can be carried out.

They include medical lab assistants and phlebotomists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy assistants, ophthalmic photographers/technicians, medical device reprocessing technicians (central supply/sterile supply departments), programs/systems analysts and IT/computer technicians, x-ray assistants, certified dental assistants, technical assistants, renal technicians, dietary supervisors, and buyers.

Overall, the patient care technical members of HEU represent about 13 per cent of the Facilities subsector membership.

Please take this opportunity to find out who in your local is in this group and let them know how important their role is to the health care team. And we encourage you to involve these members in your plans for Patient Care Technical Day.

We encourage your locals to come up with some ideas on how to promote this event and to educate your members about HEU's patient care technical members and the important work that they do every day.

In preparation for January 25, the union is producing buttons and a poster for locals. We will send those out in January.

For more information on the work of the patient care technical subcommittee please visit our section of the HEU website at <http://www.heu.org/members/pe-subcommittees/patient-care-technical>.

You can also contact us by email at patientcaretechnical@heu.org – and we'd love it if you'd email us photos and information about the activities you organize for January 25.

In solidarity,

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