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# ADVANCED PRESCRIBED PROCEDURES

Practice FAQs

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## QUESTION

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*The general surgeons at our organization want the RRTs to become certified to remove chest tubes. Are RTs permitted to perform this procedure?*

## ANSWER

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Yes. *Chest tube insertion, aspiration, reposition and removal* is an [Advance Prescribed Procedure Below the Dermis](#) that is authorized to Registered Respiratory Therapists. However, prior to performing this procedure, the RRTs at your organization are required to complete a CROTO-approved certification program.

Please note that Graduate and Limited (Practical) RTs are not permitted to perform any advanced prescribed procedures below the dermis.

More information on the approval process for advanced prescribed procedures certification programs can be found in the [CROTO's Certification Programs for Advanced Prescribed Procedures below the Dermis Professional Practice Guideline](#).