DID YOU KNOW?
The <u>FACTS</u> about Certified Athletic Trainers

<u>FACT</u>: All athletic trainers (AT's) have a **BACHELOR'S DEGREE** from an accredited college or university.

<u>FACT</u>: **70-percent** of athletic trainers have a **MASTER'S** or **DOCTORAL DEGREE**.

<u>FACT</u>: An **independent** national board certifies athletic trainers.

Applicants to the independent Board of Certification (BOC) must pass a national examination and hold a bachelor's degree to become a Certified Athletic Trainer. To retain certification, they must obtain 80 hours of medically related CEU's every 3 years. The BOC is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

<u>FACT</u>: Athletic trainers **ARE** regulated and licensed health care workers.

AT's are licensed professionals within NY State recognized by the Office of Professions and Department of Education.

<u>FACT</u>: Athletic trainers are recognized **Allied Healthcare Professionals**.

AT's have long been recognized as an Allied Health Profession by the American Medical Association. The American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics and American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine – among others – are all strong clinical and academic supporters of athletic trainers.

<u>FACT</u>: **<u>ALL</u>** Athletic Trainers practice under the direction of Physicians.

<u>FACT</u>: Athletic trainers **ARE** qualified in the assessment and management of **head injuries, including concussions**.

These skills are included as part of the Educational Competencies mandated in every AT Education program. AT's are also listed as a healthcare provider under the newly passed Concussion Act in NY.

<u>FACT</u>: More than 50 percent of NATA's certified athletic trainer members work **OUTSIDE** of school athletic settings and provide services to people of **ALL AGES**.

<u>FACT</u>: Athletic trainers **HAVE** designated CPT/UB Codes. CPT and UB codes are **NOT** provider specific. PT's and other types of therapists are not the exclusive providers of general physical medicine examinations, evaluations and interventions.