1. There are slightly different definitions of cardiovascular surgery service in Health and Safety Code (HSC) 1255.5(c) and in Title 22 section 70431. What do you think should be included in the definition?

2. What should be included in the policies and procedures? How often should policies and procedures be reviewed and revised and why? Who should be involved and why?

3. What possible issues can occur when cardiac catheterization laboratory services share space and staff with other services? Should this be addressed in the policies and procedures and why? (For example: If space were shared with interventional radiology, please explain how the shared space would be used.)

4. What possible issues can occur when a recovery room has a mixed patient population that should be addressed in the regulations?

5. Currently, the regulations include a minimum number of 260 cardiac catheterizations per year. Should there be a minimum and if so, how should the number be determined?

6. Currently, transfer agreements for hospitals that do not have cardiovascular surgery services include:
   - Provisions for emergency and routine transfer of patients
   - Provisions which specify that cardiac surgery staff and facilities shall be immediately available to the patient upon notification of an emergency
   - Provisions which specify that the cardiac catheterization laboratory staff shall have responsibility for arranging transportation to the receiving hospitals
   Should there be other requirements for these transfer agreements? If so, why?

7. Currently, two registered nurses or cardiovascular technicians are required during cardiac catheterization procedures. Does this represent how the service is currently provided? If not, please provide the current staffing necessary. Is it necessary to include that a biomedical equipment technician, electronic technician, or biomedical engineer shall be available? Why or why not?

8. How do you recommend updating the current list of equipment and supplies? Is there a particular national standard you recommend?

9. What other issues or concerns are important for the Department to consider for the cardiac catheterization laboratory regulations?