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Perioperative and SPD professionals from across the country will gather at OR Today Live to discover new opportunities, broaden their knowledge and exchange ideas. Whether you need an extra boost of motivation in your career or are looking to earn CE credits — OR Today Live is the conference for you. We bring together world-class speakers in an environment designed to motivate and empower professionals just like you!

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

PRE-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

- 7 AM Registration
(for CNOR® Prep Course only)
- 8 AM-5PM CNOR® Prep Course
Presented by CCI

OR TODAY LIVE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

- 11 AM Registration for OR Today Live
- 1-2:30 PM CE Super Sessions
- 2:45-4:15 PM CE Super Sessions
- 5-7 PM Welcome Reception 🍴🍷

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

- 7 AM Registration 🍴
- 8-11:30 AM Education
- 11:30 AM-2 PM Exhibit Hall 🍴
- 2-4:15 PM Education
- 5:30 PM Rockin' in the Rockies Party 🍴🍷
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

- 8 AM Registration 🍴
- 9-11:15 AM Education
- 11:30 AM-12:15 PM Keynote Luncheon 🍴
- 12:15-1:45 PM Keynote Address

🍴 Food provided

🍷 Drinks provided

WHAT TO EXPECT

CNOR® PREP COURSE

Prepare for the CNOR® certification exam with this popular pre-conference course.

WORLD-CLASS SPEAKERS

OR Today Live brings together the best speakers from across the country.

CE SUPER SESSIONS

Super sessions cover topics in depth and attendees will be rewarded with 1.5 CE credits per session.

NETWORKING

OR Today Live provides multiple networking opportunities that are fun and engaging.

EXHIBIT HALL

Vendors showcase the latest technology and resources for your department.

EDUCATION

SUNDAY

CE SUPER SESSIONS

SUNDAY 1-2:30 PM

A Strength-Based Approach to Developing Your Personal Brand

Phyllis Quinlan, RN, MFW
Consultants to Professionals



During this session participants will gain greater self-awareness and understand how they can unwittingly overuse their character strengths and self-sabotage their careers. Session-goers will complete their own transformational leadership gap analysis and develop an action plan to shape a positive personal brand and career path.

Nursing Leaders Aren't Born, They're Made

David Taylor, MSN, RN, CNOR,
Principal, Resolute Advisory Group LLC



Nursing school did not prepare you to lead at the highest levels, but that is exactly what's required to keep up with the demands of health care as well as advancing your career as a health care leader. This presentation will help ignite the most important personal leadership qualities of today's nurse leaders so that surgeons and staff will view you as the "Most Valuable Player."

SUNDAY, 2:45-4:15 PM

Branding Yourself as a Thought Leader and Leveraging LinkedIn

Phyllis Quinlan, RN, MFW
Consultants to Professionals



This session will provide three key takeaways:

1. What steps to take to develop one's self as a thought leader.
2. Why it is important to create a professional LinkedIn page.
3. How to develop a first-class LinkedIn page.

The Role of Nursing in Healthcare Technology Management

Mike Busdicker, CHTM, System
Director, Clinical Engineering, Intermountain Healthcare



This course will illustrate why the cooperation and partnership between perioperative professionals and the healthcare technology management (HTM) teams within their hospitals is vital to ensure medical equipment in their areas of responsibility meet regulatory requirements and are safe to use in the clinical care setting. Data will include a description of the clinical engineering/biomedical engineering department and the value this department can bring in overall medical equipment asset management.

MONDAY EDUCATION

MONDAY, 8-9 AM

Quick Escapes to Building the Team

Sarah Bosserman Matulewicz,
MSN, RN, CNOR, Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator, WellSpan Health York Hospital



Building a culture of performance and highly reliable teamwork requires challenging the traditional educational methodologies. More than half of Americans believe they learn more

effectively through hands-on learning than lecture-based education, as lecture-based education lacks multimodal educational delivery opportunities. The use of gamification through escape rooms offers a measurable and positive emotional tool for learning and enhancing teamwork and communication. This presentation will engage the learner in a discussion and hands-on demonstration of how escape room gamification can be used as an effective educational model in the healthcare setting.

We Are All In This Together: The practice of surgery and the need for intradisciplinary collaboration

James Stobinski, PhD, RN, CNOR,
CSSM (E), CEO, Competency and Credentialing Institute



This session aims to familiarize the audience with how the practice of surgery is changing in the U.S. health care system. Four macro-trends will frame the presentation and give the audience a new perspective on surgical care and the stakeholders in the provision of surgery. The need for intradisciplinary collaboration in surgery will be reinforced throughout the presentation.

What's the Holdup? Overcoming Operating Room Delays and Fostering Interdepartmental Collaboration

Brian Arndt, MBA, BSN and David Taylor, MSN, RN, CNOR,
Principal, Resolute Advisory Group LLC



The surgical service line is responsible for approximately one half of revenue in a modern healthcare facility. However, to support the case volume in the operating room the inpatient areas must focus on throughput. Collaboration between the



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operating room and the inpatient unit is vital despite a conflict in priorities and differences in workflow. This presentation will illustrate how success requires shared goals and strategies that are jointly owned by the leaders and staff of the inpatient unit and the operating room.

MONDAY, 9:15-10:15 AM

New Nurse Graduate Pipeline: Building perioperative practice

Vangie Dennis, MSN, RN, CNOR, CMLSO, Executive Director of Surgical Services, WellStar Health System, Atlanta Medical Center Downtown & Atlanta Medical Center South



This session will describe the year-long collaborative work between nursing practice and the school of nursing. The goal of this collaborative was to develop a nursing curriculum for all BSN students that includes a comprehensive clinical rotation program through all areas of perioperative services.

The Shocking Truth of Insulated Instruments - Implementing a Strong Insulation Testing Program

Cheron Rojo, CRCST, CIS, CER, CFER, CHL, Clinical Education Coordinator, Healthmark Industries



With the numerous documented medical malpractice cases in the media, patient burns are under high scrutiny and has solidified the importance of insulation testing for insulated instrumentation and devices. The focus of insulation testing of laparoscopic instrumentation has misled our profession to forget about the diversity of electrosurgical devices from bipolar forceps to robotic arms and the effects to innovate new technology of

insulation testers and their accessories to meet the coverage of insulated devices. This presentation will provide attendees with a better understanding of standards and recommendations from various organizations as well as best practices for building and maintaining an effective verification testing program.

What is a Compliance Officer and What is Their Value to Me?

Beverly Kirchner, BSN, Chief Compliance Officer, SurgeryDirect LLC



The compliance officer is taking on more and more responsibility in the inpatient setting and the ASC setting as risk management, HIPAA and compliance take a front row seat in the operations of health care. This program will discuss what the compliance officer does and why it is of value to you as a perioperative nurse or team member. The program will help perioperative professionals understand how to work with a compliance officer to ensure patient and team safety. The program will also help the ASC leader who wears the hat of the compliance officer understand their role in compliance and the value compliance brings to the ASC and the team working in the ASC.

MONDAY, 10:30-11:30 AM

Surgical Smoke Intervention and Implementation Plan to Effect Practice Change

Brenda C. Ulmer, RN, MN, CNOR, Perioperative Nurse Educator, and **Vangie Dennis, MSN, RN, CNOR, CMLSO,** Executive Director of Surgical Services, WellStar Health System, Atlanta Medical Center Downtown & Atlanta Medical Center South



A smoke evacuation program requires

the commitment of the entire health care team for the optimal intervention of practice to protect the staff from the potentially harmful effects of surgical smoke. The entire team is responsible and accountable for smoke removal and includes the anesthesia providers, perioperative staff, surgeons and administration. The education of the perioperative team regarding the hazards of surgical smoke is the primary gauge in the successful execution of practice transformation. The involvement of the entire team is crucial to effective intervention. The health care team should be involved in the purchase decisions of evacuation equipment, supplies and process of practices for the different service surgical procedures. A smooth transition to routine smoke evacuation practice changes can be accomplished with a shared governance model.

Staying Current with AAMI ST79 for Your OR and Your SPD

Delores O'Connell, LPN, BA, AGTS, ASQ-CQIA CRCST, CHL, CER, CIS, Clinical Education Specialist, STERIS Corporation



This presentation will allow a professional nurse to review the updates to AAMI ST79:2017 and return to their facility with the information to audit current processes, policies and daily operations. Understanding the directives from the rationales will be explored along with information to build knowledge on the challenges of reprocessing to successfully manage reprocessing whether it is for sterile processing, endoscopy, ambulatory surgery centers, dental or MOBs.

Using Community Partnerships for Recruitment

Stephanie Reed, RN, Clinical Educator,
University of Maryland Medical Center

Perioperative staffing is a constant challenge. This presentation will discuss how partnerships with community groups and local vocational schools provide opportunities to recruit and train staff for vacancies.

MONDAY, 2-3 PM

What's Your Energy IQ? Safe Use of Energy-based Devices During MIS Procedures

Brenda C. Ulmer, RN, MN, CNOR,
Perioperative Nurse Educator

Surgical energy – does the array of surgical energy devices available to surgeons today sometimes seem shrouded in mystery and complexity? Gone are the days when the primary hemostatic devices were sutures, the “bovie” or the bipolar. From radiofrequency generators to ultrasonics, microwave and radiofrequency ablation, the possibility of methods to dissect tissue and provide hemostasis seem endless. Do you have questions about electromagnetic interference, patient return electrodes, pacemakers and implantable electronic devices? Do you ever wonder if perioperative team members have the skills and knowledge to use the devices safely and do no harm? Would you be surprised to learn that as part of a postgraduate continuing medical education course, 48 experienced members of Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) took an energy exam, and out of 11 answers, just 6.5 (59%)



were correct. Fully one-third of the test takers did not know how to correctly handle a fire on a patient, 31% did not know which device was least likely to interfere with a pacemaker, and 13% did not know that thermal injury can extend beyond the jaws of a bipolar instrument. What is your energy IQ? The safe use of energy-based devices is essential to prevent patient injury during surgery and minimally invasive procedures.

Surgical Site Infection: Could It Be the Instruments?

**Sharon McNamara, RN, Perioperative
Consultant, OR Dx+Rx Solutions for
Surgical Safety**



This presentation will focus on the potential for transmission of pathogens to the surgical patient on reusable devices. Utilizing a Gemba Walk through the instrument readiness processes (including handling of instrumentation throughout the continuum of preparation and use will be examined) with emphasis on identifying gaps, developing reduction strategies and potential countermeasures.

The Role of Personality in Overcoming Workplace Stress: How personality characteristics can successfully be used to reduce stress and burnout

**Vivian Jones, MSN, BSN, RN, Facility
and Operating Room Nurse Educator,**
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center



Studies reveal stress and burnout in the workplace continue to rise for health care professionals although there has been a surge in education, support and resources. There is a growing body of research that

indicates personality type makes some individuals more susceptible to stress and burnout. Understanding the role personality plays in managing stress can be a helpful tool in developing effective interventions and strategies that can be adapted to fit an individual's personality type.

MONDAY, 3:15-4:15 PM

Challenging the “Jeopardy” in Patient Safety

Sharon McNamara, RN,
*Perioperative Consultant, OR Dx+Rx
Solutions for Surgical Safety*



This presentation will challenge attendees with questions on evidence-based practice (EBP). Through a game show format, the perioperative practitioner will, individually, answer questions from a patient scenario. The questions on safe practice will require the attendees to use EBP and critical thinking skills to support the correct answer related to minimally invasive surgery, prevention of retained surgical items and prevention of hypothermia. Practitioner safety will relate to prevention of sharps injury, surgical smoke safety and prevention of transmissible disease. At the end of the presentation, attendees will score their answers.

Upgrading Central Sterile Service Standards - Five Essential Requirements

Barry R. Highsted, MSN, RN, CNOR,
CRCST



This session will give an overview of strategies to upgrade and maintain central sterile processing standards. It will include:

**"There was not one thing that I didn't gain valuable
information from!" –Z. Barreras, Surgery Educator**

1. Methods to ensure CS staff engagement.
2. How to develop methods to improve communication with end users.
3. Describe how to improve and sustain CS quality.
4. How to develop a work plan to improve daily department management.

Hold Your Form – Emotional Intelligence and Leadership

Sharyn Combs, CHBC, JMT, CRCST, TAP Administrator/Trainer, SIPS Agency



This presentation is designed to help professionals navigate the technological and personnel changes that are occurring more and more swiftly in today's medical arena. It focuses on emotional intelligence, leaders and managers remaining objective and mastering demonstration of personalities and time maximization in the workplace.

TUESDAY EDUCATION

TUESDAY, 9-10 AM

Implementing a Daily Huddle in Your ASC

Jamie Ridout, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC, CNOR, CASC Administrator, Capital City Surgery Center



This presentation will discuss the value in implementing a multi-disciplinary daily huddle in the ASC setting to elevate the quality of care delivered to the patient, increase patient safety, reduce errors, improve team communication and ultimately improve staff/physician satisfaction. The presentation will focus on key personnel to include in the huddle as well as essential key items to address/discuss. A sample daily huddle sheet will be shared with the audience, as the presenter walks them through each category on the huddle sheet.



Dirty Deeds Done

Dirt Cheap

Thomas Overbey, CCSVP, Marketing Director, Ultra Clean Systems

With the emphasis on enzymatic detergents, the presentation will explain how detergents work in an effort to provide users with improved outcomes. Various aspects of safety for using detergents will be delivered. Effective ways to work with (IFUs) will be demonstrated as well as how to deal with prion causing transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) will be discussed.

Recharging Your Facility Culture!

Barbara Holder, RN, BSN, CAPA, CAIP, Quality Improvement, Infection Control, Safety, Risk & Regulatory Officer, Andrews Institute Ambulatory Surgery Center



This presentation will examine baseline hurdles and how Andrews Institute Ambulatory Surgery Center LLC (AIASC) overcame barriers utilizing quality improvement techniques. Studies from every department (administration, business office, OR, anesthesia, SPD and perioperative) will be included.

TUESDAY, 10:15-11:15 AM

100 Ways to Improve Your Patient Satisfaction

Barbara Holder, RN, BSN, CAPA, CAIP, Quality Improvement, Infection Control, Safety, Risk & Regulatory Officer, Andrews Institute Ambulatory Surgery Center



This presentation will teach you the tools and techniques — some simple, others quite sophisticated — that have helped every member of the Andrews Institute Surgery Center team play an important role in delivering the best possible patient experience. This lighthearted and fun presentation reviews setting a foundation including patient expectations, communication

flow and staff responses. Data from 12 years of patient surveys and comments have been incorporated into this presentation. Topics will include how to build a positive first impression, improve communication, what patients want as well as emergency responses.

Taking the Direct Route to Sustainable Solutions in Sterile Processing

Robert Leenan, CRCST, CIS, CCSVP, Senior Professional Consultant, STERIS Instrument Management Services and **Christy Newland**, System Director Emory Healthcare and Instrument Processing Lean Transformation Team



This presentation will examine whether a sterile processing department needs a complete transformation or a few improvements. It can be a complex platform to meet the type of quality and customer service goals facilities want to achieve. It can be difficult to always understand how changing one area/process can affect another, knowing when to stick with an approach, knowing when to fine-tune it and knowing when to abandon it all together.

Contract Review: Steps for the ASC Administrator

Jamie Ridout, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC, CNOR, CASC Administrator, Capital City Surgery Center



This presentation will describe a philosophical and practical approach ASC administrators can take when reviewing contracts and participating in vendor negotiations. The speaker will share some ideas on what to consider prior to committing to/signing a contract or engaging in vendor negotiations, as well as the nuts and bolts of everyday review. The speaker will explain steps you can take to be prepared to enhance your business opportunities and not fall victim to vendor pressure.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Tuesday, 12:15-1:45 PM



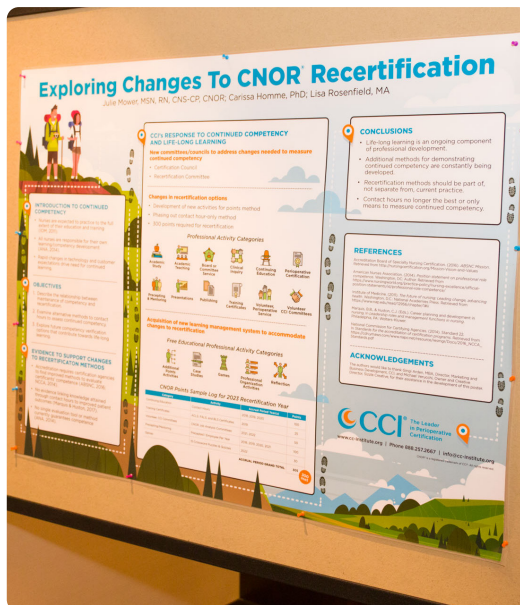
2020 the Year of the Nurse, the Year to End Incivility in the Workplace *Phyllis Quinlan, RN, MFW Consultants to Professionals*

Participants will learn the difference between the disruptive behaviors of bullying and incivility and the unique assessment features of each type of disruptive behavior. The presentation will address the fundamentals of managing disruptive behavior and creating a civil workplace.

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Poster sessions open throughout the conference.



Sample of 2020 Poster Session Titles:

- Fixing Broken Hearts
- Improving Competency Documentation using Lean Six Sigma
- Walking from Cleveland to Denver: How Reducing Steps in Gathering Equipment Increased Amount of Work Hours Spent on Patient Care
- Fight Attitude With Gratitude: Improving team morale and the employee experience through daily gratitude
- Use of ECRA's Instead of RACE as a Fire Response Mnemonic in Surgical and Procedural Areas
- PreCleaning with Meaning

"By far my favorite conference I have attended. This was my first year, but I will keep coming back. The quality of speakers and vendors and attendees was excellent."

– S. Walker, Director of Surgical Services

PRE-CONFERENCE

CNOR® PREP COURSE*

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Sunday, August 16

8 AM-5 PM

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- Instructor presentation slides
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SPEAKERS

Dawn Whiteside, MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR, NPD-BC, RNFA, Director of Education and **Julie Mower**, MSN, RN, CNS, CNS-CP, CNOR Nurse Manager, Education Development

The deadline for registration for the CNOR® Prep Course is August 10, 2020. All cancellations will be subject to a \$100 service fee (per registrant). Registrants who cancel on or before August 10, 2020, will receive a refund of their payment minus the service fee. Registrants who cancel after August 10, 2020 will be liable for the full registration fee.

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"I would absolutely refer other colleagues to the experience. I would love to keep it to myself so I could be the one to attend each year! But I won't ... it is simply too good of a conference to keep to myself."

—B. Schlabach, Perioperative Educator

SPEAKERS

Brian Arndt, MBA, BSN



Brian Arndt is a healthcare leader who strives to walk in the footsteps of front-line team members and patients. Those interactions have led to his drive to improve processes and champion the patient experience. Brian prides himself on being able to quickly assess developing obstacles in the care environment and apply collaborative approaches to remove them. After nearly three decades in the healthcare environment, Brian will tell you that the most important thing he has learned is that in the absence of a healthy and collaborative environment all process and quality initiatives will fail. Teamwork and collaboration are the secret sauce that really make the difference.

Sarah Bosserman Matulewicz, MSN, RN, CNOR

Perioperative Clinical Nurse Educator, WellSpan Health York Hospital



Sarah Bosserman Matulewicz is the perioperative clinical nurse educator, ROSE Award coordinator, and a disaster response technician for WellSpan Health York Hospital. During the 2017 AORN Surgical Conference & Expo, Sarah was recognized as one of AORN's Top 40 Under 40 recipients and is a *Central Pennsylvania Business Journal* Nurse of the Year finalist. Sarah currently serves as on AORN's

Fellowship Level Membership Task Force, and Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly. She is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International, Eta Eta Chapter, serving on the board for Governance Committee; as well as for her local AORN chapter, serving as a board member and planning the educational programs. In her community, she is a melanoma educator and a member of her local Elks Lodge. Sarah is well versed in delivering local and national presentations, and she has a strong passion for delivering engaging presentations with an innovative focus.

Mike Busdicker, CHTM

System Director, Clinical Engineering, Intermountain Healthcare



Mike Busdicker is the System Director of Clinical Engineering Shared Services at Intermountain Healthcare. He started his health care career with the United States Air Force as a 1983 graduate of the Department of Defense Biomedical Equipment Repair School. He earned a master's degrees in business from Baker College. Prior to joining Intermountain Healthcare, he held leadership positions with ServiceMaster Management Services, Aramark Clinical Technology Services, TriMedx Healthcare Services and Alexian Brothers Healthcare System. He is an active member of AAMI, ACHE, UHE, HIMSS, NH-ISAC and MDSISC. He serves on the AAMI Technology Management Executive Council.

Sharyn Combs, CHBC, JMT, CRCST

TAP Administrator/Trainer, SIPS Agency



While in the U.S. Navy, Sharyn Combs received the meritorious advancement honor for integrity and leadership. She holds a leadership degree from Oral Roberts University, with a strong focus on communication and social work. She has 20 years of experience working with young adults, women and at-risk youth on communication, critical thinking and option discovery. Over the past decade, she has worked closely with SIPS Consults, and created the Progressive Leadership Tailored Mentoring and Coaching Program to serve business owners and CSPD professionals.

Vangie Dennis, MSN, RN, CNOR, CMLSO

Executive Director of Surgical Services, WellStar Health System, Atlanta Medical Center Downtown & Atlanta Medical Center South



Vangie Dennis is the executive director of WellStar Atlanta Medical Center and Atlanta Medical Center South located in the metropolitan area of Atlanta. Vangie is on the board of directors for the Laser Institute of America, the chair for the National Certification on Lasers, board of directors for AORN National, president of the NW AORN Chapter, treasurer for the Georgia Council of Nurses and committee representative for the American National Standards Institute. She is named in Strathmore's *Who's Who* and the recipient of the 1996 Nursing Excellence Award from the American Society for Lasers in Medicine and Surgery. She was awarded the 2011 R. James Rockwell Jr. Educational

"Great opportunity to learn about new topics in an intimate setting and network with others in similar situations."

–M. Neely, RN Specialty Team Leader

Achievement Award and the 2011 AORN Award for Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Clinical Nursing Education.

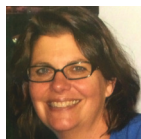
Barry R. Highsted, MSN, RN, CNOR, CRCST



Barry has over 30 years of experience in perioperative clinical nursing and nursing leadership. Barry's career began in the UK and he served as a clinical nurse manager at The Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham, and, at the Islington Health Authority in London, Barry served as the Theatre Manager and acting General Manager of Patient Services.

Since Leaving the UK, Barry has worked in the United States health system for over 25 years. Most recently, he has held the position of Director, Perioperative Nursing (Consultant) for Surgical Directions where he served as a Sterile Processing subject matter expert. He has also held the positions of Director of Maternal-Child Health and Perioperative Services, Administrative Director of Surgical Services, and as Service Line Administrator (AVP) of Surgical Services. Barry has been involved with the management of Sterile Processing his entire career.

Barbara Holder, RN, BSN, CAPA, CAIP



Quality Improvement, Infection Control, Safety, Risk & Regulatory Officer, Andrews Institute Ambulatory Surgery Center

Barbara Holder is the Quality Improvement, Safety, Regulatory and Infection Control Officer for the Andrews Institute Surgery Center located in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Responsibilities include regulatory compliance and preparation

of staff for federal and state inspections. Barbara has been a Registered Nurse for greater than 39 years, is CAPA and CAIP Certified. In addition, she has been an instructor at University of South Florida's Risk Management Program. She is currently the President-elect for FLASPAN White Sands Chapter. Presentations include: IHI Annual Conference (2016), ASPAN/FLASPAN (2016, 2018, 2019), OutPatient Surgery: ORX Conference (2017, 2018), ASCA (2018, 2019), World Nursing Conference: London, England (2019), Rome, Italy (2018) and New England ASC Convention (2019). She is a platinum contributor on the ASCA forum.

Vivian Jones, MSN, BSN, RN

Facility and Operating Room Nurse Educator, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center



Vivian Jones is an educator at the VA Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan. With over 20 years in nursing, she has spent the past 11 years focusing on her passion for developing and facilitating programs designed to empower nurses to promote the creation and sustainment of a positive workplace culture.

Beverly Kirchner, BSN

Chief Compliance Officer, SurgeryDirect LLC

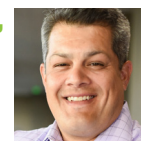


Beverly Kirchner is the chief compliance officer for SurgeryDirect. She co-founded SurgeryDirect in 2015 and served as chief nursing officer and COO. In her newest role, she is responsible for creating and leading the compliance strategy for the organization; ensuring compliance with

laws, regulatory requirements, policies and procedures. She is also responsible for developing, coordinating and conducting the compliance training and auditing programs. Prior to founding SurgeryDirect, Kirchner developed, managed and/or consulted on the creation of more than 55 ambulatory care facilities. Opening her first ambulatory surgery center in 1985, Kirchner saw ambulatory surgery as cutting edge health care (at that time) and where she belonged. Her career has been focused here ever since. As an award-winning speaker, published author and recognized subject matter expert, she has taught and spoken globally on leading healthcare topics. She has been an active member of several boards and advisory committees such as the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), the Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Collaboration (ASCQC), OR Manager Advisory Board (magazine) and the Texas Council of periOperative Registered Nurses (TCORN) as president. She has also received several honors and awards.

Robert Leenan, CRCST, CIS, CCSVP

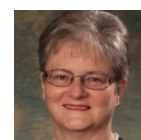
Senior Professional Consultant, STERIS Instrument Management Services



Robert Leenan has over 25 years of experience in the sterile processing field, 10 years as an SPD technician and over 15 years in leadership positions. He has managed a multitude of health systems and academic centers around the country.

Sharon McNamara, RN

Perioperative Consultant, OR Dx+Rx Solutions for



Surgical Safety

Sharon A. McNamara is an internationally recognized speaker and consultant on perioperative practice. McNamara is an owner and consultant for OR Dx + Rx Solutions for Surgical Safety consulting firm, coordinator of a patient safety column for the *AORN Journal* and collaborative coach for the North Carolina Quality Center.

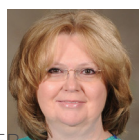
Christy Newland

System Director, Emory Healthcare and Instrument Processing Lean Transformation Team



Christy Newland, Director of Operations and Lean Transformation, is part of the STERIS Instrument Processing Leadership Team. Christy holds a degree in surgical technology and business management. During a long career in surgical services, Christy has held positions as a surgical tech, service line supervisors, manager of operations SPD, senior professional consultant, manager of continuous improvement, and regional director of operations for seven hospitals in Ohio. In 2015, Christy began her journey in lean healthcare transformation becoming certified as a facilitator of Kaizen Events, Standard Work Events and problem solving. In 2017, as part of a Quality and Affordability initiative, Christy lead the Workforce Innovation Team by facilitating Lean events to improve efficacies and quality which resulted in over 1 million in cost avoidance.

Delores O'Connell, LPN, BA, AGTS,



ASQ-CQIA CRCST, CHL, CER, CIS

Clinical Education Specialist, STERIS Corporation

Delores O'Connell is a Clinical Education Specialist representing STERIS Corporation supporting Infection Prevention Technology (IPT) Healthcare in the Pacific Northwest. She is responsible for supporting the professional education needs to achieve best practices for infection control, sterile processing, surgical and endoscopy environments as it pertains to device processing.

Prior to STERIS, Mrs. O'Connell started her career as a staff nurse and spent 22 years as the Manager of Sterile Processing, Surgical Inventory/SCM Medical Equipment Logistics for a multi hospital system in the Midwest. She has worked as a consultant on several healthcare construction projects assisting in developing a reprocessing department from the blueprint stage to full operation. Actively involved in her last position with the build of the surgical services interface of the EMR with OR preference cards for inventory and instrumentation and as an internal business manager for the OR. She promotes Quality and Lean philosophies alongside management systems and cultural change to improve patient safety while collaboratively working with all stakeholders from clinicians to administrators.

Thomas Overbey, CCSVP

Marketing Director, Ultra Clean Systems



Thomas Overbey's experience originated as media producer at the University of South Florida, College of Medicine, producing content for medical research and education. Overbey has generated live

and on-demand surgical procedures for peer-to-peer training and produced the first live surgical case over the iPhone.

For the past five years, Overbey has served as the marketing director for Ultra Clean Systems promoting safe cleaning practices. He serves as an advocate for connecting the OR to the SPD for maximum operational efficiency.

Phyllis Quinlan, RN

MFW Consultants to Professionals



President of MFW Consultants to Professionals, Phyllis Quinlan has practiced as a legal nurse consultant since 2004 and is a popular lecturer and keynote speaker. During her nursing career, she has practiced in clinical, education and administrative positions in a variety of clinical settings. As a certified transformational coach, she specializes in the unique needs of nurses and other health care professionals struggling with the emotional impact of compassion fatigue and the challenges of career transition. She is committed to working with organizational leaders in the creation of healthy work environments which she continues to do as the career coach for the AORN.

Stephanie Reed, RN

Clinical Educator, University of Maryland Medical Center



Stephanie Reed has over 30 years of perioperative experience in Academic and Ambulatory Surgery Center environments, encompassing both staff and managerial roles. She practiced as a Forensic Nurse Examiner and taught Health Assessment for two semesters at Johns Hopkins

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University. Credentials: Diploma in Nursing at Union Memorial School of Nursing, BSN at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, and MS in Nursing Education from Walden University. She is dual certified as CNOR and NEA-BC. Stephanie is serving as Secretary for the Baltimore Chapter of AORN.

Jamie Ridout, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC, CNOR

*CASC Administrator,
Capital City Surgery
Center*



Jamie Ridout is the administrator of Capital City Surgery Center (CCSC) in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is responsible for the overall strategic direction and financial success of CCSC and serves as the organization's CEO, compliance officer, risk manager and HR officer. She has over 25 years of perioperative experience and 18 years of leadership in inpatient and outpatient facilities.

Cheron Rojo, CRCST, CIS, CER, CFER, CHL

*Clinical Education
Coordinator, Healthmark
Industries*



Cheron Rojo is a Certified Registered Central Service Technician, Certified Instrument Specialist, Certified Endoscope Reprocesser, Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocesser, and a Certified Healthcare Leader. He served on the professional development resource committee for IAHCMM, as well as the education director for the California Central Service Association.

Cheron has 30 years in the sterile processing arena as a sterile processing technician, SPD educator,

an instrument coordinator, and a surgical technologist in the surgical realm. He graduated in 2008, with highest honors from Fresno City College with an Associates of Arts in Speech Communication specializing in public speaking and team dynamics. He is currently working on his BS in Communication. He is also currently on the AAMI working groups for ST79, PB70, ST91, TIR99. Cheron has also taught the CRCST and CIS courses since 2006 for new and existing sterile processing technicians. Cheron is a member of IAHCMM and AORN and was named the 2018 "Educator of the Year" by the Golden West Central Service Chapter. He is a great advocate for nurturing education throughout the United States and believes, "Attitude is Everything!"

James Stobinski, PhD, RN, CNOR, CSSM (E)

*CEO, Competency and
Credentialing Institute*



Jim Stobinski has in excess of 30 years' experience in the operating room. He has 18 years of management experience in perioperative nursing and has published and presented extensively at the national level on perioperative management related topics. Since 2011, he has been employed at the Competency and Credentialing Institute in Denver, Colorado. He also serves as adjunct faculty at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Wilkes University in Pennsylvania. In February 2017, he began serving as the CEO of the Competency and Credentialing Institute. He maintains an active research agenda centered on nursing workforce issues and certification.

David Taylor, MSN, RN, CNOR

*Principal, Resolute
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David Taylor is a nurse leader, consultant, educator, author and nationally recognized speaker who examines the challenges operating rooms face as nurses manage their practice in the perioperative environment.

Brenda C. Ulmer, RN, MN, CNOR

*Perioperative Nurse
Educator*



Brenda C. Ulmer is a perioperative nurse educator with expert knowledge of energy-based devices including fire safety and the hazards of surgical smoke. Ulmer's work history includes global director, professional education for Covidien energy-based devices, director of surgical services at Northlake Regional Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as staff and charge positions at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

A long-term active member of AORN, Ulmer served three terms on the national board of directors, and as national president 2000-2001. Her current committee assignment is AORN representative to SAGES fundamental use of energy in surgery committee (FUSE). Ulmer is an inaugural board of directors' member on the International Council on Surgical Plume (ICSP), a nonprofit organization dedicated to collaborative efforts focused on the evacuation and filtration of surgical plume.

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