Saturday, April 23, 2016: AM SESSION

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE
8:00 – 9:00am

Surviving In the Perilous World of Endoscope Reprocessing
Speakers: Cori Ofstead, MSPH, President and CEO – Ofstead and Associates

Cori Ofstead will describe findings from studies on the effectiveness of endoscope reprocessing, including her 2015 study that found damage and debris accumulated in 100% of endoscopes over a seven-month period. Ofstead will explain how contaminated cystoscopies, ureteroscopes, bronchoscopes, and GI endoscopes have transmitted infections to patients in numerous healthcare facilities and will discuss strategies for improving the quality of reprocessing on the front lines.

By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:
• Describe the potential for transmission of multidrug-resistant organisms via contaminated endoscopes;
• Explain evidence showing that residual contamination commonly remains on flexible endoscopes used for urology, respiratory, and GI procedures after reprocessing;
• Discuss circumstances leading to patient exposure to contaminated endoscopes; and
• Understand new guidance related to monitoring the effectiveness of endoscope reprocessing through the use of rapid indicators, microbial cultures, and borescope examinations.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS
9:15 – 10:15am and 10:30 – 11:30am

Transport and Cleaning of Soiled Endoscopes
This lab session will address proper protocols for point of use cleaning, transport of soiled endoscopes, leak testing and cleaning techniques. This interactive session will demonstrate proper protocols and provide an opportunity for participants to learn best practices for the transport and cleaning of soiled endoscopes.

HLD, QA Testing and Storage of Endoscopes
This lab session will address proper protocols for high level disinfection, quality assurance testing, and storage of endoscopes. This interactive session will demonstrate proper protocols and provide an opportunity for participants to learn best practices for the HLD, QA testing and storage of endoscopes.

ASK THE EXPERTS
Attendees will have the opportunity to ask additional questions and gather resources from industry experts.