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A Royal Flush: Your Winning Hand for Pre-Cleaning Protocol (Handout CE Materials) Booth 739
FAST FINISH. TEST YOUR STERILIZATION TRIVIA POWER
Speaker: Steve Kubler
Don't miss out on this high-speed sterilization trivia game. Challenge your colleagues and see who can reach the finish line first. It's time to put the pedal to the metal.
- Booth 400
- Monday, April 29: 1:30pm – 5pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 9am – 10:30am
- Credit: 0.5 CE


CONTAINERIZING PRE-CONFIGURED INSTRUMENT TRAYS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
Speaker: Nestor Hernandez, CRCST
Pre-configured instrument trays are routinely used in complex orthopaedic and spine surgeries (eg, total joint procedures, scoliosis correction). These trays contain multiple instruments with varying degrees of sharpness or precision detailing which pose a greater risk for compromise to packaging integrity before and after sterilization when using sterilization wrap. This continuing education activity offers a summary of the clinical considerations related to the use of rigid sterilization containment systems as packaging for medical devices. A brief review of the evolution of packaging systems provides the background for the current guidelines and standards related to packaging. A discussion of clinical considerations for the proper use and care of pre-configured instrument trays with rigid sterilization containment systems is provided, including information on sterilization verification studies and reconciliation of multiple manufacturer instructions for use.
- Booth 101
- Monday, April 29: 1:15pm, 2pm and 2:45pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 10:30am and 11:15am
- Credit: 0.5 CE

Provided by: Aesculap

SURGICAL GRADES OF INSTRUMENTS, THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS
Speaker: Nestor Hernandez, CRCST
This program explores key steps in the manufacturing process of “Premium” grade surgical instruments, clinical considerations used when selecting instruments as well as the importance of water quality used for processing are discussed.
- Booth 101
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- Credit: 0.5 CE

Provided by: Aesculap

WAIT! SHOULD WE REALLY BE PROCESSING THOSE?
Speaker: Rose Seavey, MBA, BS, RN, CNOR, CRCST
Explain why processing certain devices can put patients at risk for cross-contamination. Discuss the importance of obtaining and following the manufacturers’ instructions for use.
- Booth 225
- Monday, April 29: 4:15pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 11am
- Credit: 0.5 CE

Provided by: CanTel

KNOW YOUR CLEANING CHEMISTRIES
Speaker: Cheri Ackert-Burr
The purpose of this activity is to present information on the critical importance of making sure flexible endoscopes are as clean as possible before high level disinfection occurs. Evidence supports meticulous attention to detail for all steps in flexible endoscope processing. Knowledge about chemistries used for pretreatment and cleaning of the flexible endoscope before high level disinfection will be shared with participants to better inform their practice. Guidelines and evidence based practice will be used to help participants make informed decisions concerning chemistry selection for pretreatment and cleaning of flexible endoscopes.
- Booth 711
- Monday, April 29: 2pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 8:15am and 10:30am
- Credit: 0.25 CE

Provided by: CanTel

OOOPS! IS THAT SCOPE REALLY DRY AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?
Speaker: Ann Hewitt
The program will identify steps that can be missed even with meticulous adherence to instructions for use from the manufacturer. Evidence based research supports complete drying of endoscopes before use on the next patient and especially for storage of the reprocessed endoscope. This program will share information on human errors in drying of flexible endoscopes and state strategies for improving drying performance and compliance with storage recommendations.
- Booth 711
- Monday, April 29: 2:45pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 9am and 11:15am
- Credit: 0.25 CE

Provided by: CanTel
STERILE PROCESSING & THE OR
Handout Distributed for Off-Site Education

This continuing education activity will discuss strategies for effective communication between the OR and SPD, the relationship between biofilm and improper instrument care as well as the consequences of improper instrument care and handling. The instrument "use cycle" will also be reviewed as it relates to the handling of surgical instruments and trays. Finally, opportunities for improved relationships between the OR and SPD will be discussed to promote safe and efficient patient care.

• Booth 336
  • Monday, April 29:
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    Anytime During Expo Hours
• Credit: 1 CE

Provided by: CardinalHealth

$100,000 SPD PYRAMID
Speaker: Dewey Barker, CRCST, CIS

In this program, we will examine the Sterile Department environment and discuss the various regulatory agencies that affect the functioning of the department. We will assess knowledge of topics concerning instrument reprocessing that everyone in the department should already know and do every day. We will also investigate knowledge of proper use of equipment, as well as standard SPD practice. We have developed a game format that will test your knowledge of basic SPD concepts, equipment, standards, job performance expectations and common problems that arise during an average SPD day. The general information provided in this document, and used throughout the game, will help prepare you to think quickly, and not panic, when asked questions during regulatory surveys in your facility.

• Booth 435
  • Monday, April 29: 1:15pm and 3pm
  • Tuesday, April 30: 9am and 11am
• Credit: 0.25 CE

Provided by: Case Medical

BEST PRACTICES FOR PROCESSING ENDOSCOPES
Speaker: Dewey Barker, CRCST, CIS

Endoscope Reprocessing continues to challenge healthcare administrators, providers, and sterile processing departments. Landing in the #5 spot on the ECRI Institute’s 2019 Top 10 Health Technology Hazards, endoscope reprocessing makes its 11th all time appearance on the list. This session will examine the underlying issues and challenges involved in endoscope reprocessing, review endoscope transport and storage, and identify key considerations for Risk Assessment and Quality Assurance.

• Booth 435
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  • Tuesday, April 30: 8:15am and 10am
• Credit: 0.5 CE

Provided by: Evoqua Water Technologies

THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER QUALITY IN MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING
Speaker: Jeffrey Holland

The presentation will give attendees a brief introduction to water and the impurities it can contain, the technologies commonly used to purify water, and how the quality of their water impacts the reprocessing of medical devices. It will also provide a brief overview of the latest industry guidelines on this topic, such as AAMI TIR34: Water for the Reprocessing of Medical Devices.

• Booth 762
  • Monday, April 29: 2:30pm
  • Tuesday, April 30: 9am and 11am
• Credit: 0.5 CE

Provided by: Halcyon

STAY IN SERVICE!--EQUIPMENT UPKEEP AND TESTING
Speaker: Mark Duro, CRCST, FCS

The session will include recommendations for daily usage and maintenance that is supplied in most user manuals but also tips that will help keep your equipment in top functional shape. This session is a must for those who routinely face the challenges of equipment downtime.

• Booth 711
  • Monday, April 29: 1:15pm and 3:30pm
• Credit: 0.25 CE

Provided by: Crosstex

OVER A DECADE OF EVIDENCE: AN ANALYSIS OF 4 STUDIES EVALUATING SPS AND HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION IN YOUR CS DEPARTMENT
Speaker: Peggy Luebbert, MS, MT(ASCP) SC, CIC, CHSP

When considering threats to patient safety that may increase risk of surgical site infections (SSIs), surgical and diagnostic instruments like endoscopes are top of mind. However, rigid containers and sterilization wrap—the two primary types of Sterile Packaging Systems (SPS)— are often overlooked. While SSIs are on the decline, it remains critical that healthcare professionals continue to identify new potential sources of infection.

• Booth 410
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• Credit: 0.5 CE

Provided by: Halcyon
ARE YOU WEARING THE RIGHT PPE  
**Speaker: Cheron Rojo, AA, CRCST, CIS, CER, CHL**

This program deals with understanding the why, the who, the what and when we do something in a medical device reprocessing department when it comes to selection of PPE. It also deals with improving the medical device reprocessing professional understanding of the impact of having the proper PPE to ensuring safety for both the staff and the patient. This is a 1.0-hour power point programs that is interactive with questions and answers with the attendees.

- Booth 701  
- Tuesday, April 30: 10am  
- Credit: 1.0 CE  

Provided by: **healthmark**

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THE SCIENCE OF VISUAL INSPECTION  
**Speaker: Seth Hendee, CRCST, CIS, CHL, CER, CFER, IAHCSMM Approved Instructor**

This program deals with understanding the why, the who, the what and when we do something in a medical device reprocessing department when it comes to using visual inspection on medical devices and its impact on the patient if a medical device is not visual clean. Actual pictures of clean and dirty medical devices pictures will be shared to compare and help understand what they are looking at and looking for. This is a 1.0-hour power point programs that is interactive with questions and answers with the attendees.

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UNDERSTANDING CLEANING VERIFICATION  
**Speaker: Mary Ann Drosnock, MS, CIC, CFER, RN (NCRM), FAPIC**

This program will review the importance of doing daily cleaning verification on cleaning equipment within the medical device reprocessing department and the consequences of not doing daily testing. Attendees will learn what equipment needs to be tested daily and that performing cleaning verification is part of a Quality Management Programs (QMP) and helps full fill the Performance Qualification (PQ) of a QMP.

- Booth 701  
- Tuesday, April 30: 8:30am  
- Credit: 1.0 CE  

Provided by: **healthmark**

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DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ENDOSCOPE  
**Speaker: Will Jenkins, CCSVP**

The endoscope is the most critical part of the imaging chain. Join us as we follow an endoscope throughout its cycle of use. Learn common best practices as well as pitfalls in caring for these critical medical devices.

- Booth 535  
- Monday, April 29: 2pm  
- Tuesday, April 30: 9am  
- Credit: 1.0 CE  

Provided by: **STORZ**

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NO-WRAP STERILIZATION – REDUCE YOUR COST AND WASTE  
**Speaker: Bonnie Bell**

Come find out the specific details on how no-wrap sterilization containers can save your facility money while also reducing waste. Course will walk through real-life case studies outlining results and impact.

- Booth 535  
- Monday, April 29: 3:30pm  
- Tuesday, April 30: 10:30am  
- Credit: 1.0 CE  

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IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES FOR SAFETY  
**Speaker: Penny Sabrosky, BS Microbiology**

This educational program will help attendees identify the safety issues that often go unseen or reviewed for an improved environment. Government agencies such as OSHA, NSC, FDA, CDC, and others, set forth recommendations concerning air quality, lifting, and signage. The attendees will learn to better understand on how to improve safety for their departments and learn what has changed in the last decade for safety in their environment and department.

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- Credit: 0.25 CE  

Provided by: **Kem Medical Products Corp.**
INFECTION PREVENTION IN SPD - BREAKING THE CHAIN OF INFECTION
Speaker: Brandon VanHee, BS, GTS

Infection preventing is just as important to Sterile Processing Technicians as it is to Operating Room personnel. During this presentation, we will discuss the role sterile processing plays in infection prevention, how to maintain asepsis and how to break the chain of infection so that we can play our role in the prevention of healthcare associated infection (HAI).

- Booth 525
- Monday, April 29: 2pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 9am
- Credit: 1.0 CE

Provided by: KEYSURGICAL

LOST IN TRANSLATION: BEST PRACTICE ACCORDING TO WHOM?
Speakers: Jamie Zarembinski, CCSVP (Monday) and Sarah Nolan, CCSVP (Tuesday)

Interpretation is the act of explaining, reframing, or otherwise showing your own understanding of something. But what happens when your interpretation is different than someone else’s? The undeniable differences in responsibilities and priorities in the OR and SPD can affect the interpretation and implementation of process improvements and best practices. This presentation dissects the meaning of ANSI/AAMI and AORN standards and recommended practices – both the way they are intended and the various ways in which they are interpreted – and encourages you to design a collaborative approach to implementing them.

- Booth 525
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- Credit: 1.0 CE

Provided by: KEYSURGICAL

FLEXIBLE SCOPE REPROCESSING IN A TIME OF HIGH ANXIETY
Speaker: Melissa Kubach

In the current climate related to flexible endoscope infection risk, the demand for reprocessing excellence has raised anxiety and scrutiny under survey. This class will focus on the correct methods for reprocessing flexible endoscopes while highlighting the most common mistakes made during each phase of the cleaning process.

- Booth 809
- Monday, April 29: 2pm and 4pm
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- Credit: 1.0 CE

Provided by: MOBILE INSTRUMENT SERVICE & REPAIR INC.

CARE & HANDLING OF FLEXIBLE SCOPES
Speaker: Justin Poulin, BSN, RN, CCSVP, CMRP

An in depth look at Flexible Scopes to include the design, cost of acquisition, and how to clean and maintain this expensive piece of capital equipment.

- Booth 457
- Tuesday, April 30: 9am, 10am and 11am
- Credit: 0.5 CE

Provided by: NORTHFIELD EXPERT QUALITY REPAIRS

POINT OF USE CLEANING
Speaker: Justin Poulin, BSN, RN, CCSVP, CMRP

An overview of the critical aspects of Point of Use Cleaning to include patient safety, adverse events, regulatory and manufacturer guidelines, infection control, time considerations, best practices and The Joint Commission expectations.

- Booth 457
- Monday, April 29: 2pm, 3pm and 4pm
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Provided by: NORTHFIELD EXPERT QUALITY REPAIRS

VISUAL INSPECTION VS. VALIDATED IFUS: AN “INVISIBLE” PATIENT SAFETY ISSUE
Speaker: James Schneiter

This presentation will focus on the ‘invisible risk’ of a surgical infection when using instruments whose cleaning IFUs rely solely on ‘visual inspection’ to ensure that they are free of residual bioburden and/or biofilm or whose cleaning IFUs have not been ‘validated’ according to FDA guidelines.

- Booth 818
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Provided by: NOVOSURGICAL

SOARING THROUGH YOUR NEXT ACCREDITATION SURVEY
Speaker: Rose Seavey, MBA, BS, RN, CNOR, CRCST, CSPDT

Today’s accreditation surveys are conducted with a focus on risk reduction and process improvements. Sterilization and high level disinfection (HLD) has become a main focus of the survey process. This presentation will discuss how to avoid accreditation survey citations by decreasing risks to patients and staff while improving processes related to sterilization and HLD.

- Booth 823
- Monday, April 29: 2pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 8:30am
- Credit: 0.5 CE

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CLEANING EFFICACY: THE STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR HOSPITAL CLEANING MONITORING AND VERIFICATION
Speaker: Jamie Terran

Through this presentation you will gain and in depth understanding of the standards and recommendations for cleaning efficacy and verification in healthcare facilities. You will learn currently accepted best practices and the types products available to meet these guidelines.

- Booth 739
- Monday, April 29: 1:30pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 8:30am
- Credit: 0.5 CE

**Provided by:**

A ROYAL FLUSH: YOUR WINNING HAND FOR PRE-CLEANING PROTOCOL
Handout Distributed for Off-Site Education

Pre-cleaning is the most important step in the instrument reprocessing cycle, but are we using the highest quality methods for flushing? SPD staff can learn about the core columns of pre-cleaning efficiency, how our current methods match meet these guidelines for the optimal clean, and how to evaluate their current procedures.

- Booth 753
- Monday, April 29: Anytime During Expo Hours
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- Credit: 0.5 CE

**Provided by:**

CARE & HANDLING OF FLEXIBLE & RIGID ENDOSCOPES
Speaker: Tom Orr, CCSVP

An overview of the structural similarities and differences between the various types of endoscopes in today’s market. We will discuss best practices for care and handling of flexible & rigid endoscopes, proper cleaning methods, and education on the Spaulding Classification System.

- Booth 645
- Monday, April 29: 3pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 10am
- Credit: 1.0 CE

**Provided by:**

IT’S A DIRTY WORLD...LET’S CLEAN IT UP
Speaker: Gabrielle Cox, BSN, MSA, MBA, CNOR

It’s a Dirty World...Let’s clean it up.

Surgical site infections (SSIs) adversely affect patients and the entire perioperative department. Every perioperative team member has an obligation and opportunity to reduce the instances and harm related to SSI. The primary means to protect surgical patients from harm is by effectively cleaning and sterilizing surgical instruments. This process must then be validated by inspecting instruments for cleanliness and proper functioning before they are placed into service. This involves using a combination of evidence-based resources with proven outcomes such as protein testing and borescope inspection. This educational program discusses the most common pathogens attributed to surgical site infection and their contribution to biofilm formation. Best practices for cleaning and sterilizing instruments are reviewed including common inspection and verification procedures.

- Booth 501
- Monday, April 29: 2pm and 3:30pm
- Tuesday, April 30: 8:15am, 10am and 11:15am
- Credit: 0.5 CE

**Provided by:**

BENEFITS OF A CONNECTED DEPARTMENT
Speaker: Richard Schule, CRCST, CHMMC, CIS, CHL, FCS

Work smarter not harder should be a mantra for all sterile processing departments (SPD) as they strive for continuous operational readiness. In some cases, easier said than done, but certainly achievable with today’s advancements with department connectivity. Imagine yourself working in an SPD where compliance and standard work supporting the department’s quality management system was a daily norm; where streamlined work flow and troubleshooting issues were making the root cause analysis process simpler. The benefits of equipment connectivity in sterile processing is no longer a dream nor out of reach. So, are you missing out?

This session is comprised of a 30-minute LIVE presentation, a 20-minute reading supplement, and a 10-question Quiz.

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