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## Upcoming Events

### Member Lunch & Learn

April 10, 2018  
12pm - 2pm  
California Dreaming  
401 South Main St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

[Click Here to RSVP!](#)

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**GSASC/ SCASCA Joint  
Semi-Annual Conference**  
August 16-17, 2018

## President's Letter

Dear SCASCA Members,

I hope everyone's year is off to a great start! Our quarterly January meeting was fantastic. We had a speaker from DHEC join us to talk about Emergency Preparedness in our facilities. He shared with us the coalition contact information throughout the state, as well as other pertinent information that we can utilize in our facilities to help meet the new CMS standard. If you missed the meeting and would like some of the information, log onto SCASCA.org to see all past meeting resources.

The GSASCA/SCASCA Joint Annual Conference in February was, as always, terrific! The topics and speakers were dynamic and relevant to the challenges and scenarios we face daily. Our very own Tamara Tyler gave a wonderful presentation on infection control! The handouts provided were great resource tools that everyone could easily implement in their own center.

We are excited to announce that this year's semi-annual joint summer meeting with GSASCA will return to Hilton Head. The line-up of topics and speakers is taking shape, and again, this will be an informative meeting with great speakers.

I know it's only April, however, we are already looking toward the infection control training seminar that we have offered for the last two years. The turnout has been great, and all that have attended have expressed interest in continuing the seminar. There has also been some talk about possibly offering a boot camp to prepare to take the CAIP (Certified Ambulatory Infection Preventionist) credential. If you would be interested in a boot camp, please let us know so that we can start planning.

Thank you to all of you for your support and kindness over the last year. Here's to a great 2018!

Marriott Hilton Head  
Hilton Head, SC

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## SCASCA Forum

Looking for answers?  
Checkout the  
[SCASCA Member Forum](#)  
on the SCASCA.org website!

Members can access this forum by using their email address for the username the password you created. Forgot your password? [Click here to reset your password.](#)

Email [Crystal@scasca.org](mailto:Crystal@scasca.org) for help with the website.

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Warm Regards,  
Tammy Andrews, CASC  
President, SCASCA

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## Q & A: CLIA Waived Testing Frequently Cited Deficiencies

By Sandra Jones, Ambulatory Strategies Inc.  
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### Question:

*We heard another surgery center was cited by state inspectors for not cleaning their Glucometer correctly between patients. Our staff has different opinions of what is required. Someone suggested we use a particular cleaning wipe and someone else suggested alcohol wipes. What should we use?*

**Answer:** First, let's review what CLIA waiver means. CLIA stands for Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, which were passed by the federal government in 1988. This legislation was enacted to assure that testing is performed by licensed laboratories that are required to meet standards for calibration of the testing equipment, proper handling of specimens, and training of staff. If a laboratory testing device is complicated, requiring specialty expertise to produce accurate test results, the device would not be approved to be used under a CLIA waiver and, instead, would be used in a laboratory that has a CLIA license.

CLIA allows for certain tests to be waived from laboratory license requirements. This Certificate of Exemption for clinical laboratory licensure is called a CLIA Waiver. A health care provider or facility that wants to perform laboratory tests under a CLIA waiver must make application for a Certificate of Exemption from CLIA and select a device approved by the FDA to be used outside of a licensed laboratory. The device manufacturer must receive FDA approval for the device to be CLIA waived.

[Click here](#) to read Sandra's full article including links to resources.

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## SCASCA News

### SCASCA Member Lunch & Learns

SCASCA members meet quarterly for an educational, networking luncheon and find out the latest industry happenings and trends from around the state. At the January Luncheon Jamie Blair of DHEC educated members on Emergency Preparedness in our facilities.

During these luncheons attendees also have a chance to win a free conference registration. Congratulations to Elizabeth Eddings of Southeastern Spine Institute on winning the free conference registration to the August meeting.

The next member luncheon will be on April 10 at California Dreaming in Columbia. We will have a speaker from DHEC to educate us on proper charting, tracking, and destruction of narcotics. Also, things that should be reviewed by a pharmacy consultant and diversion. Join us!

Thank you to our January sponsor:



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## Heard Around the Country

### Deadlines from Quality Reporting Center

Quality Reporting Center has a couple of dates you should put on your calendar.

- May 15 – The tool on QualityNet used for entering data for ASC-9 and ASC-10 opened on January 2, 2018. You can now enter your facility's endoscopy measure data for 2017 encounters to fulfill ASC Quality Reporting (ASCQR) Program requirements. The updated ASCQR Reference Checklist summarizes these requirements for you. The tool closes on the May 15 deadline.  
*\*May 15 is a deadline for other data reporting programs, too, so get your data in early to avoid any potential*

*technical difficulties.*

- April 1 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin mailing beneficiaries new Medicare cards with new Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs). The new MBIs will be used for billing, eligibility status, and claim status after a transition period. Your facility will need to be ready to accept MBIs on April 1. CMS has a webpage, <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/index.html> and an ombudsman at [NMCPProviderQuestions@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:NMCPProviderQuestions@cms.hhs.gov) to assist providers with the transition.
- April 14 – All currently enrolled NHSN Facility Administrators and Primary contacts received an email on January 30, 2018, from NHSN informing them that the Consent is available for their review and acceptance. The updated Consent form must be signed by your ASC's Primary Contact or Facility Administrator by April 14 to ensure continued access to the NHSN and to the data entry tool for the influenza vaccination measure (ASC-8). Here are some FAQs about the form, and you can email the NHSN at [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) with the subject line "NHSN Reconsent" for more information.

### **USA Today and Kaiser Health News Story**

Surgery Centers across the country were shocked by the USA Today and Kaiser Health News released. The unbalanced investigative report eschews facts and telling both sides of the story in favor of an overwhelming emotional appeal of sympathy for patients who have died following treatment in an ambulatory surgery center. The sub-theme follows; that those patients would somehow have been better off having their care in hospitals.

SCASCA is working with the national association to make sure that members have access to a reasoned response to the article's findings that will help your staff educate concerned patients or members of the media. [Click here](#) for talking points developed by ASCA specifically in response to the investigative report. [Click here to view the original article.](#)