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## Upcoming Events

### Member Lunch & Learn

April 9  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Lexington Surgery Center - Irmo

Guest Speaker:

Derrick L. Jones, Investigator  
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## President's Letter

*Frances Faulkner*

Dear SCASCA Members,

I have been a member of this association for over 22 years and during this time had the pleasure of serving on many task forces.

I have also been witness to many changes in the ASC industry. We have been able to influence changes and prevented some in our industry and we will continue to strive to do more. Please take the time to contact our state representatives to share how important our centers are as an alternative choice for patient care.

Our first membership meeting was held earlier this year on January 15. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Aneesah Deen-Carlos who gave a very informative and educational presentation on leaders and their challenges. Be sure to register for our next membership meeting on April 9. I am sorry I was not able to attend the joint conference in Atlanta, but I look forward to seeing you all next month!

I would like to thank our most recent SCASCA president, Tammy Andrews for her dedication and service to the association. I am honored to serve as your new president and look forward to our continued growth not only in membership numbers, but also in our knowledge of the ever-changing ASC industry.

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### Save-the-date!

Joint Semi-Annual  
Conference

August 15-16

Savannah

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### Welcome New Members!

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Myrtle Beach

Summerville Endoscopy  
Summerville

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### Are We Up-to-Date?

Do we have your correct mailing address, phone number, and email address? Have you renewed your 2019 dues? Make sure you log in to your account at [www.scasca.org](http://www.scasca.org) and confirm we have the correct information for you.

Need assistance logging in? Contact Allyson Williams at [allyson@asmcmember.org](mailto:allyson@asmcmember.org).

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## Q&A: Opioid Management

*By Sandra Jones, Ambulatory Strategies Inc. and ASD Management.  
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**Question:** What should a surgery center do to address the opioid crisis?

**Answer:** Many states have passed regulations about physicians limiting prescriptions for opioid pain control, imposing requirements on the physicians to limit the number of doses, to check a data base of a prescription drug monitoring program (often referred to a PDMP), to complete specified hours of controlled substance CME, and to educate the patient on the use of pain medication, the risk of addiction, illegal sharing or selling unused medications, and the proper storage and disposal of medications. Some states require the patient have an informed consent process and documentation of a consent before the physician orders pain medication or issues a prescription. Some specify what must be in the medical records about checking a PDMP, who checked the information, and what time and date it was checked.

In addition, some states require certain healthcare facilities, such as hospitals and surgery centers, monitor medications ordered and the discharge prescriptions issued, include documentation of the PDMP check, and perform other oversight activities so the healthcare facility will be involved in education of the patient and the physician about addiction prevention and alternatives to opioids for pain control.

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

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## Joint Semi-Annual Conference - Sessions, Networking, and Education!

Over 100 members of the Georgia Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (GSASC) and the South Carolina Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (SCASCA) came together for a joint semi-annual conference February 14-15 at the Westin Perimeter North in Atlanta. The conference

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started with an infection prevention training early Thursday morning. The course was designed to be practical and to assist ASC administrators, directors, staff, and providers with running their ASCs in accordance to infection prevention policies, guidelines, and proper infection control techniques. All participants received a certificate of participation.

A networking lunch followed in the exhibit hall where 38 exhibitors showcased their latest product offerings. After lunch, GSASC and SCASCA held their membership meetings and received updates on legislative activities.

[Click here](#) to read the full conference summary.

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