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Upcoming Events

SCASCA Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

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Thank you to the August Meeting
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President's Letter

Dear SCASCA Members,

We had another successful GSASC/SCASCA Convention in beautiful Hilton Head Island. As always, the information was fantastic, as were the speakers. So many of you have commented how valuable the networking is throughout the state with your fellow SCASCA members, and I couldn't agree more. It's great to hear how centers help each other out, especially during a survey, and share information with each other, that's what makes this organization and the people in it so awesome!

Remember, we are looking at various options to make changes to the online forum, as discussed at our meeting in HHI, so if you have suggestions, please feel free to share those with myself or Meghan. We want the members to utilize the site and be a resource for all members.

Don't forget that we have our infection control seminar fast approaching at the end of September. This is an opportunity to send your staff, as well as managers, to a one day conference on infection control. It's a great way to aid your infection control officer in needed CEU's, as well as annual training for your staff members. So many of us rely on our surgical techs to run and manage our central sterile processing area, and this seminar gives them additional knowledge and tools to excel at that task, among others.

I look forward to seeing you all in Columbia in October, the season of pumpkin spice everything and



Thank you to all the SCASCA Members that attended the GSASC/SCASCA Joint Conference in Hilton Head!

SCASCA had 28 attendees present at the meeting. In addition to the educational sessions, attendees attended the SCASCA member breakout and shared ideas for growing SCASCA!



SCASCA Members on the beach at the Fun Run on Friday, August 17 in Hilton Head.

SCASCA Forum

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

Members can access this forum by using their email address for the username and the password you created.

Forgot your password? [Click here to reset your password.](#)

Email meghan@scasca.org for help with the website.

SCASCA Officers 2018

President
Tammy Andrews
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FOOTBALL!!!

Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself. - Coach Bear Bryant

Tammy Andrews, CASC
President, SCASCA

Tell SCASCA What You Want

At the August membership meeting, we discussed member benefits and opportunities to develop additional resources. Many good ideas were shared but we're not done hearing what you want!

Take this survey and share your thoughts and ideas. The SCASCA Board will meet this fall and discuss ways to incorporate these ideas in 2019.

[Take the Survey](#)

Security Management Plan and Supporting Policies

By Sandra Jones, Ambulatory Strategies Inc.
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Question:

I heard that CMS has a new requirement about needing a security management plan. What changes have occurred?

Answer:

CMS announced in June 2016 the adoption by health care providers of the 2012 editions of NFPA 99 and 101. NFPA 101 is the Life Safety Code and NFPA 99 is the Health Care Facilities Code. With that announcement, CMS also stated that providers and suppliers would not be required by CMS to follow chapters 7, 8, 12, and 13 of NFPA 99. Chapter 7 is Information Technology; Chapter 8 is Plumbing; Chapter 12 is Emergency Management and Chapter

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13 is Security Management. As you know, CMS released Appendix Z which contains regulations for emergency management. Interestingly, each state can adopt the full codes, or parts thereof, and can require compliance with codes that exceed the CMS requirements. That is, at least compliance with codes adopted by CMS is required. But, states can go above that. Even if the state has not adopted the Security Management chapter, you may want to review how the chapter can supplement and coordinate with your emergency management program and your policies for building, staff and patient safety.

[Click here](#) to read Sandra's full article including a summary of the security management plan.

SCASCA Infection Control Seminar

Arthur is back! Join Steris Senior Clinical Education Specialist, Arthur Henderson for this one day seminar.

Everyone who works in the ambulatory surgery center industry knows that ASCs offer high quality care to our patients. Key to that quality care is each center's infection control program. These programs give centers the opportunity to demonstrate and document how they deliver care safely and with the best interest of their patients.

Attend the SCASCA Infection Control Seminar and hear the latest trends and best practices as it relates to infection control prevention. This one day seminar will be held on Saturday, September, 29th in Columbia from 9:00am- 1:30pm at the Lexington Medical Center in Columbia, SC.

Registration is only \$95 per attendee if you register your staff by Friday, September 7th. [Register online here.](#)
