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Upcoming Events

Infection Prevention Seminar

October 5

SCASCA has partnered with STERIS Corporation to provide your ASC's staff with a one-day seminar. STERIS Clinical Education Specialist Arthur Henderson is an infection control expert who works with ASCs daily on best practice and how to meet sterilization and infection control requirements.

Make plans now to join us and take part in this opportunity to gather and discuss industry best practices related to sterilization and infection control.

[Click here for the agenda.](#)

Where:

Wingate by Wyndham Columbia/Lexington

President's Letter

Frances Faulkner, Lexington Medical Center

Dear SCASCA Members,

Believe it or not, the dog days of summer are coming to an end and we have really had a hot summer. But with that said, comes the exciting time of fall with color, cool breezes, pumpkins, and FOOTBALL. It is also time to start looking forward to a new year and renewing your SCASCA membership which, will be mailed out soon.

It was great to see so many SCASCA faces at the joint conference in Savannah. It was another successful and informative event and hopefully everyone left with some great information for their centers.

I have some new ideas for the upcoming year. We recently sent out a bench marking survey and received sixteen responses. After reviewing the results, we see some things we can work on as an organization.

I would like to see us to continue reaching out to non-members, with a goal of increasing our membership by ten percent. I am asking you to reach out to other centers in your area and invite them to attend a meeting and join SCASCA. We will post a list of non-members on the website, so you can see who to reach out to in your area.

I am so excited about the upcoming year and

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Lexington, SC 29072

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Membership Meeting

October 8

Columbia

Guest Speaker:

Ann Geier, SIS

*Orientation & Competencies: Managing
the Fundamentals*

Sponsored by:



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ASC Excellence 2019 Coding Seminar

October 22

Medicare payment concerns, ICD-10 implementation and updates, and the changing healthcare economy make correct

look forward to seeing you at the quarterly meeting in Irmo on October 8th. Ann Geier will be presenting on "Orientation & Competencies: Managing the Fundamentals". We are going to have the opportunity to call in to the meeting if you are unable to attend. Also don't forget our infection seminar on October 5th, registration information has been sent out and available on the website.

Thank you again for all you do to provide excellent care to your patients and as always, I am just a phone call or email away at (803) 358-6136 or pfaulkner@lexhealth.org.

Warmest regards,

Frances

Board of Directors Elections To Be Held This Fall

SCASCA Members will receive a Call for Nominations later this summer (self-nominations only) for candidates with leadership and management experience to serve on the Board of Directors.

Members of the Board provide leadership, a shared vision and sense of mission, and are responsible for the fiscal health of our association. We are looking for leaders with:

- proven performance and commitment to SCASCA
- time and ability to serve
- understanding of team work
- sound judgment and integrity
- enthusiasm and the ability to be a strategic, visionary thinker.

Board members play a crucial role in the guidance of SCASCA policy and leadership of the ASC industry in South Carolina. SCASCA

coding and billing practices even more crucial to the ambulatory surgery center.

This seminar will address all specialties and is designed to provide each attendee with the latest coding updates along with guidelines and strategies for billing different types of payers. This program has the prior approval of the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) for 7.0 continuing education hours.

[Click here for the agenda.](#)

Where:

DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta Perimeter
Dunwoody
4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Atlanta, GA 30341



Welcome New Members!

Medical University Hospital Authority,
Charleston

Renew Your Membership Dues!

Renewal invoices will be sent beginning in October. Be sure to renew your membership dues for 2020 to continue enjoying your SCASCA benefits!

Questions? Contact Allyson Williams at Allyson@ascmember.org.

is poised to be a leader in the healthcare debate and needs passionate individuals to work together to protect the interests of all South Carolina ASCs.

SCASCA Bylaws Update

At the recent SCASCA membership Meeting on August 15th, SCASCA President Frances Faulkner presented a proposed changes to the Association's bylaws. The proposed changes would update the election of officers so *that the terms for President, Secretary and Treasurer be staggered. This would allow for more effective management of the election process and in recruiting eligible members to serve in the respective office. In addition, a change is being made to allow electronic voting for the Board election.*

[To download a copy of the proposed changes, click here.](#)

The proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on by the membership at the October 8th meeting in Columbia.

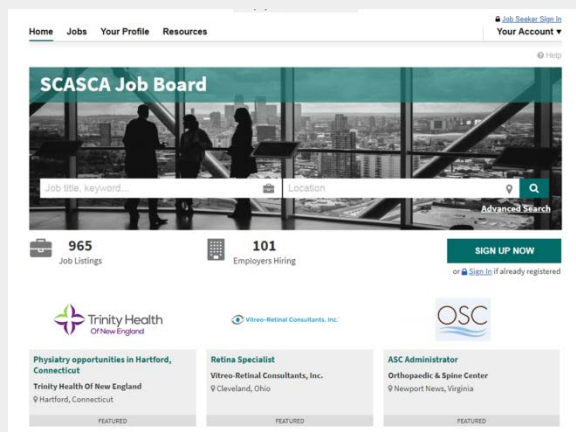
SCASCA Benchmarking Survey Report

SCASCA officially launched the new benchmarking effort for members. Based on feedback at the membership meetings, SCASCA designed a short five question survey and emailed it to members in early July. Sixteen members completed this survey. The results have been compiled into a report and were presented at the August 15th

Thank You Vendor Members!



Check out the SCASCA Job Board and post your job openings!



membership meeting. [You can download a copy here.](#)

Members at the August meeting discussed the report. Based on the information that was collected, SCASCA will be developing education and other resources for members.

SCASCA will be emailing a short survey quarterly. Members are encouraged to respond and complete it as quickly as possible, so that a timely report can be provided to members.

If you would like to participate in the development of the survey please contact Meghan Millard at Meghan@ascmember.org.

Q&A: Informed Consent

*By Sandra Jones, Ambulatory Strategies Inc. and ASD Management.
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Sandra Jones, MBA, MSM, CHPRM, CASC, CHPQM, FHFMA

Question:

Last quarter's newsletter article covered who can sign an acknowledgement of the informed consent. That article said informed consent was a process. What is the process and what documentation should be in the ASC medical record to confirm the process occurred?

Answer:

You should consult with legal counsel if you have questions about your processes. The following is not legal advice. However, it may help you evaluate your practices and learn about areas on which you should seek advice from your medical malpractice carrier and/or legal counsel about how to handle the consent

Join the SCASCA Online Community!

The SCASCA member community is a place to easily ask questions, and to share ideas and experiences with other members through discussion forums and opt-in email discussion list-servs. Login to your [member profile](#) and make connections with fellow ASC professionals today!

Are We Up-to-Date?

Do we have your correct mailing address, phone number, and email address? Make sure you log in to your account at www.scasca.org and confirm we have the correct information for you.

Need assistance logging in? Contact Allyson Williams at allyson@ascmember.org.

SCASCA Officers 2019

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Frances Faulkner
Lexington Medical Center

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The mission of SCASCA is to:

Establish acceptable standards of care and outcome benchmarks of ASCs in South Carolina.

Promote staffing effectiveness and efficiencies

process at your ASC.

Informed consent is not a piece of paper, it is a process. Understanding that an informed consent is not a piece of paper is the first step in reviewing the process and working with your staff to assure the process is clear.

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

Joint Semi-Annual Conference Report

Members of SCASCA came together August 15-16 in Savannah, Georgia to network, gain valuable information and education from ASC industry experts, and learn about new and existing products and services from ASC providers.

The conference began with an Infection Prevention Seminar followed by a networking luncheon. The afternoon comprised of sessions on "Patient Experience" and "ASC Accounting and Finance". SCASCA members also gathered together for a quarterly membership meeting to discuss the latest happenings in the South Carolina ASC world. The evening concluded with a social gathering with exhibitors.

The conference continued the next morning with sessions on "Materials Management", "Life Safety and Emergency Management Planning", and concluded with "Communication in the Clinical Setting".

Mark your calendars for the next joint semi-annual conference February 20-21 in Atlanta!

through professional development and skills assessment.

Promote benefits of ASCs among the public and medical community.

Explore and promote new technologies and treatment modalities, which utilize SCASCA.

Assess existing state laws and regulations, which apply to ASCs and make appropriate recommendations to regulatory agencies.

Collaborate with other health care organizations towards achieving common goals and meeting the needs of the health care consumer.



Pictured above are SCASCA members with Guest Speaker Ann Geier enjoying the networking reception.



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