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Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting

January 14, 2020
12pm - 2pm
Lexington Medical Center - Irmo
7035 St. Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC

[Register](#)

Joint Semi-Annual Conference

February 20-21, 2020
The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North
Atlanta, GA

[Register](#)

President's Letter

Frances Faulkner, Lexington Medical Center

Dear SCASCA Members,

I hope this message finds each of you in good health and happiness. We are in the season of great joy and thanksgiving and with that said, I am so blessed to be associated with an outstanding group of professionals.

We were able to have Ann Geier speak at the October membership meeting and as always her insight to the ASC world always provides great information.

We are finalizing the February seminar in Atlanta with speakers and I am happy to say that it will again be an event you don't want to miss.

We are a strong organization and growing every year. Please use our network if you have questions or suggestions. 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 fpfaulkner@lexhealth.org.

Warmest regards,

Frances

Welcome New Members!

Chapin Orthopedic Surgery Center, Chapin

Renew Your Membership Dues!

Renewal invoices have been sent to all members. Be sure to renew your membership dues for 2020 to continue enjoying your SCASCA benefits!

Questions? Contact Meghan Millard at meghan@ascmember.org.

Thank You Vendor Members!



Membership Meeting Held in Columbia

SCASCA Members gathered in Columbia at Lexington Surgery Center - Irmo for the quarterly membership meeting. Ann Geier, with Surgical Information Systems gave a presentation on *Orientation & Competencies: Managing the Fundamentals*. Other topics included the Board of Directors elections and upcoming events for 2020.

Thank you to our sponsors!



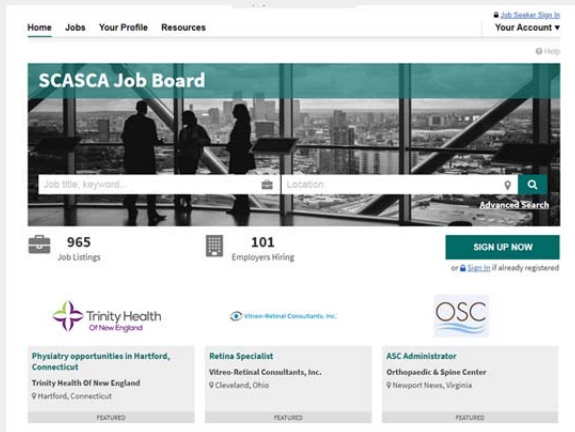
New Board Officers Elected

The South Carolina Ambulatory Surgery Center Association held elections for officers at the SCASCA membership meeting on October 8th.

The newly elected officers are

- President: Frances Faulkner, RN, Lexington Medical Center-Lexington
- Vice President: Patti Zarzuela, RN, Lexington Medical Center-Irmo
- Treasurer: Meredith Olson, BSN, RN, The Surgery Center of Charleston

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



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 Meghan Millard at meghan@ascmember.org.

SCASCA Officers 2019

- Secretary: Kelly Easley, RN, Midlands Orthopaedic Surgery Center, Columbia

We welcome Meredith Olson as a SCASCA officer for the first time. Officers will begin their new terms January 1, 2020.

Congratulations all! SCASCA Looks forward to working with these leaders in 2020

January Lunch & Learn

Join other South Carolina administrators for an educational, networking luncheon and find out the latest industry happenings and trends from around the state.

The guest speaker will be Tammeria Tyler, RN, CIC, CAIP with the Southeastern Spine Institute Ambulatory Surgery Center. She will do a presentation on the Role of the Infection Preventionist in the ASC.

Other meeting topics include:

- 2020 SCASCA Activities
- Drawing for Conference Give-Away
- Hot Topic/Networking Roundtable Discussions

These meetings are free to SCASCA Members and a delightful lunch is provided to members. [RSVP here today!](#)

About the SCASCA Membership Meetings: SCASCA hosts a membership meeting once a quarter as a venue for members to come together and share ideas and solutions. A variety of guest speakers also come to share their expertise in the ASC field.

Q&A: Life Safety Code

President
Frances Faulkner
Lexington Medical Center

Vice President/Treasurer
Patti Zarzuela
Lexington Medical Center

Secretary
Marion Sylvia
Bluffton Oaktie Outpatient Center

The mission of SCASCA is to:

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

Promote staffing effectiveness and efficiencies 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.



Citations: Most Frequently Cited Deficiencies

By Sandra Jones, CASC, CPHRM, CPHCQM, FHFMA, Ambulatory Strategies Inc.
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Question:

I heard from some of my fellow ASC Administrators about their recent citations during Life Safety Code inspections. What are frequent citations and how should I be checking what we are doing?

Answer:

My team regularly reads reports to keep up with what is being cited and to issue alerts or, sometimes, contact the life safety code inspectors to seek clarity. One key element we see is lack of clarity between the center management and vendors about who can or must perform inspections and the documentation needed for ASC management and the life safety code inspectors to review.

Which vendor does what?

Knowing what your vendors should do and what documentation you should receive from the vendors are important. Monitoring if your vendor is complying with a service agreement is essential. But, before signing a service agreement, decipher what a vendor must handle due to complexity or required certifications. Learn what you and your staff can do. Keeping your expenses under control and contracting for needed expertise must be considered.

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



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