



CONFERENCE EDUCATION **SCHEDULE**

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS, LABS AND SEMINARS

Saturday, April 25

Workshops and Labs | 8:30 a.m.–4:20 p.m.

Included with general Conference registration

ANSI/AAMI ST79 Intensive

Amanda Benedict, AAMI

The Art and Strategy of Tray Design

Jennifer Greisen and Robert Leenan, Aesculap

Bacterial Endotoxins 101: A Practical Guide to ST108 Requirements

Sherry Hopple, Charles River Laboratories

Borescope Inspection: Overcoming Challenges and Building Strong Programs

Andrew Sundet, Clarus Medical

Escaping SP: An Escape Room Experience

Cheron Rojo, Healthmark, A Getinge company

HSPA Certification: Tips and Tricks for Success

Siri Sorensen and members of the Certification Council, HSPA

The Last Line of Defense: Inspecting Flexible Endoscopes for Performance & Safety

Jake McHugh, Agiliti

Power up Your Presentation, Own the Room and Drop the Mic

Delores O'Connell, STERIS

Spot the Failure: Detect Errors in Sterilization Monitoring Tools

Jennifer Zeck, Solventum

Using AI Technology with Sealed Containers

Dewey Barker, Case Medical

Writing for Publications: Nailing Down Effective Article Topics

Julie E. Williamson, HSPA

New! Half-Day Seminars

These seminars require advance registration and an additional fee.

Technical Seminar | 8–11:40 a.m.

Gain practical takeaways to improve day-to-day SP functions and essential skills to help you grow professionally. This seminar includes six half-hour sessions on topics such as survey readiness, interdepartmental relationships, prion safety and career development.

Leadership Seminar | 1–4:40 p.m.

Inviting all new and experienced leaders! This seminar is designed to provide you with the tools to manage daily operations, build motivated teams and optimize workflows. It will present six half-hour sessions on topics including AI business plans, building dashboards, interdepartmental collaboration and the value of mentoring.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS | Sunday, April 26

8-8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Awards			
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Opening Keynote The \$20.6 Million Shortcut: Dissecting the Jake Gleeson IUSS Failure <i>Jake Gleeson, retired professional soccer athlete; Shawn M. Flynn, Skytron; Dr. Peter Nichol, American Family Children's Hospital; Jason Kafoury, Kafoury & McDougal</i>			
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Navigating Endoscope Reprocessing: Biofilm Formation and Removal <i>Daniel Lightfoot, Nanosonics</i>	ST108: An Eight-Step Approach to Compliance <i>John Kimsey, STERIS</i>	Sterile Processing: Then, Now and Where We're Going <i>David Jagrosse, David Jagrosse Consulting, LLC</i>	Sustainability in the SPD: How You Can Make a Difference <i>Ann Hewitt, Cenorin Cheri Ackert-Burr, Cantel</i>
12-1 p.m.	Lunch			
1:15-1:45 p.m.	Behavior of Non-Condensable Gases During Sterilization <i>Felipe Coros, GCP</i>	Missing Instruments, Hidden Patterns: Informatics and Tray Accuracy <i>Dannie Smith, The Valley Hospital</i>	On the Road Again: Mapping out TIR109 <i>Annetta McKnight, Carl Vinson VAMC</i>	Rooted in Purpose: Strategies to Retain Technicians and Reignite Passion <i>Nisheka Germany, Northside Hospital Atlanta</i>
2-2:30 p.m.	Preparing for the Unexpected: Emergency Response and Disaster Planning <i>Christopher Kuehn, John Kuehn and Floria M. Collura, Northwell Health</i>	Redefining Reliability: Endoscope Reprocessing Beyond Seven Days <i>Emily Barnard, Mountains Community Hospital</i>	Sterility Jenga: Event-Related vs. Shelf-Life Sterility <i>Darreona McDowell, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center</i>	Tabletop Termination: Strategically Eliminating Medical Office Reprocessing <i>Garrett Hollebeak, Bon Secours Mercy Health</i>
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Better Together: Leveraging IP and SP Relationships to Build a Committee <i>Grunderson Jean-Philippe, Nemours Children's Hospital</i>	Executive Presence and Communication to Upper Management <i>Preston Rosales, Abrazo Health West Campus</i>	It's Getting Hot in Here: What to Do When Your HVAC System Isn't Working <i>Matthew Strand, Altru Health System</i>	Setting the Bar for Sterile Processing Excellence <i>Sara Vinson, UF Health Shands Hospital</i>
4-5 p.m.	Aligning Standards, Surveys and Education <i>Amanda Benedict, AAMI Damien Berg, HSPA Tiffany Wiksten, Joint Commission</i>			
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Opening Reception <i>Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, Key Ballroom Sponsored by: Healthmark, A Getinge Company</i>			

CONFERENCE SESSIONS | Monday, April 27

7-7:45 a.m.

**Focusing in the Fray:
When the Brain Moves Faster
Than the Workflow**

Jake McHugh, Agiliti; Tiffany Reece, Advantage Support Services; Nicole Simon, Simon Sterilization Solutions

**Pathway on Purpose:
The Non-Linear Journey to
Making SP Your Career**

Hannah Schroeder, Pure Processing

**Project Management:
Improving Quality Through
Strategic Initiatives**

Benjamin Lennon, Mass General Brigham; Jo Wood, Massachusetts General Hospital

**What Is Hiding in
Your Loaners?**

Abbigail Featherly, Mayo Clinic

8-9 a.m.

Shocking Results: The Laparoscopic Instrument Defect Detection (LIDD) Study

Cori L. Ofstead and Abby Smart, Ofstead & Associates; Frank Daniels, VCU Health System

9:15-9:45 a.m.

**Do Your Instruments
Have Legs?**

Tanika Martin and Kimberly Ronningen Mekonis, University of Mississippi

**Good Morning, Baltimore:
Empowering the Stars of
Survey Readiness**

Rebecca Lauber, Surgical Solutions LLC

**Scan Fatigue: When Efficiency
Hurts Accuracy**

Deannard Esnard, Philadelphia VA Medical Center

**The SPD Regress-a-Nator:
Destroying Bad Habits**

LaToya Chapman, Chimere Curry, Kyree Thomas, Wellstar Health System

10-11 a.m.

**Damage Is Danger: What You
Don't See Can (and Has) Hurt
Patients**

Michael Matthews, Healthmark, A Getinge company

**Leading with Agility
and Resilience**

Kevin Bush, ChristianaCare

**Prepare for Growth in
Your Robotics Program**

Barry L. Bryant, Intuitive Surgical

**ST58: Updates for
Enhanced Compliance**

Anastasia Johnson and Julie Gorog, ASP

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lunch

12-5 p.m.

Expo

CONFERENCE SESSIONS | Tuesday, April 28

7-7:45 a.m.

**Elevating Employee Experience
Beyond Orientation**

Carol Malone, University Hospitals Parthena Walker, Cleveland Clinic Main Campus

**SP Health Check: Diagnosing
Performance Through Data**

Donald Cabrera, Kaiser Permanente SCAL Regional

**SPD Rescue! Turning Struggles
into a Scalable Strategic Asset**

Adel Afridi, Keck Medical Center, USC; Colton Hallabuk and Jennifer Greisen, Aesculap

**Timing Matters: How Blood
Drying Dynamics Influence
Cleaning Outcomes**

Matthias Tschoerner, Dr. Weigert

8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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1:15-2:15 p.m.

**Building a Borescope
Program: Tools, Tactics and
Troubleshooting**

Andrew Sundet, Clarus Medical; Matthew Thell and Darla Tuil, Fairview Hospital

**Human + Machine:
Redesigning the Operating
System of Surgery**

Brian Reed, Ascendco Health

**Improving Trust and Safety:
Advancing Just Culture in
the SPD**

Ruth Ann Go, Ascendco Health; Susan Singh, ECRI

2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Full Steam Ahead: Elevating
Sterilization Standards
Through Steam Quality**

Carl Williams, Spirax Sarco USA

**Just Chillin': Elevating
Confidence in Low-
Temperature Sterilization
Assurance**

Larry Talapa, Solventum

**Play with Purpose: Using
Games to Drive Quality
in the SPD**

Robert Parker, Beyond Clean

3:45-5 p.m.

**Closing Keynote
Pushing the Envelope: Being the Best When It Counts**

Col. Nicole Malachowski, Combat veteran and fighter squadron commander