

MONDAY

12:30 p.m.	Critical Water, Critical Outcomes: Advancing Sterile Processing with ST108 – <i>Nephros</i> SPD in Seconds: Micro Learning That Fits Your Day – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i>	Education Theatre Booth 1214
1 p.m.	Are You Ready to Ace ELM Across Sterilization Modalities? – <i>Solventum</i> Automation that Actually Works: Starting Small, Scaling Smart – <i>STERIS</i> Instrument Staining Challenge Game – <i>Agiliti</i> Probe Transport & Storage Best Practices – <i>CS Medical</i>	Booth 1014 Booth 715 Booth 319 Booth 1229
1:15 p.m.	ST108 Implementation Pinch Points – <i>Xylem</i>	Education Theatre
1:30 p.m.	Optimizing Automated Cleaning Outcomes – <i>Healthmark, A Getinge company</i> Spot the Risk: AAMI ST108 Interactive Session – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i>	Booth 929 Booth 1214
2 p.m.	DaVinci Multiport Care and Handling – <i>Intuitive</i> The Sterilization Challenge: Chemical Indicators – <i>Solventum</i> The Value of SPD Assessments – <i>St. Onge Company</i>	Booth 1138 Booth 1014 Education Theatre
2:30 p.m.	How Sterility Is Achieved – <i>Bioseal</i> Inside the Tank: Understanding Ultrasonic Cleaning and Cavitation – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i>	Booth 827 Booth 1214
2:45 p.m.	SteriDate Digital Labeling in Sterile Processing: Supporting ANSI/AAMI Standards – <i>MedVantage</i>	Education Theatre
3 p.m.	Safety Through HLD Automation – <i>CS Medical</i> The SPD Checkup: Using Assessments to See What You Can't See – <i>STERIS</i> Sterilization Showdown: Bowie-Dick Testing – <i>Solventum</i>	Booth 1229 Booth 715 Booth 1014
3:15 p.m.	Critical Water for Sterile Processing: Compliance, Design, and Maintenance – <i>Pureflow Inc.</i>	Education Theatre
3:30 p.m.	Digital Transformation in Sterile Processing—Data You Already Have – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i> Instrument Staining Challenge Game – <i>Agiliti</i> Strengthening Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing – <i>Healthmark, A Getinge company</i>	Booth 1214 Booth 319 Booth 929
4 p.m.	Certification Chat – <i>HSPA</i> DaVinci Multiport Care and Handling – <i>Intuitive</i> High Stakes, High Standards – <i>Solventum</i>	Education Theatre Booth 1138 Booth 1014

TUESDAY

8:30 a.m.	Are You Ready to Ace ELM Across Sterilization Modalities? – <i>Solventum</i> How Sterility Is Achieved – <i>Bioseal</i> HSPA Educational & Professional Resources – <i>HSPA</i> Inside the Clean: Turning Science into Safer Instruments – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i> Optimizing Automated Cleaning Outcomes – <i>Healthmark, A Getinge company</i>	Booth 1014 Booth 827 Education Theatre Booth 1214 Booth 929
9 a.m.	Complex Devices (Batteries, Electrics & More): How Can We Disinfect What We Can – <i>STERIS</i> Safety Through HLD Automation – <i>CS Medical</i>	Booth 715 Booth 1229
9:15 a.m.	Offsite SPD Activation – <i>St. Onge Company</i>	Education Theatre
9:30 a.m.	Scrub Smarter, Not Harder: Decontamination Dosing & the Sinner's Circle in Action – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i> The Sterilization Challenge: Chemical Indicators – <i>Solventum</i>	Booth 1214 Booth 1014
9:45 a.m.	ST108 in Action: Lessons from Building a Safer Sterile Processing Environment – <i>Phigenics</i>	Education Theatre
10 a.m.	DaVinci Multiport Care and Handling – <i>Intuitive</i> It's Not a Staffing Problem, It's a System Problem – <i>STERIS</i> Strengthening Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing – <i>Healthmark, A Getinge company</i>	Booth 1138 Booth 715 Booth 929
10:30 a.m.	Behind the Pages: Textbook Development at HSPA – <i>HSPA</i> Instrument Staining Challenge Game – <i>Agiliti</i> Mastering the Mock Audit: Lessons Learned from On-Site SPD Assessments – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i> Shelf Life and Event-Related Sterility – <i>Bioseal</i> Sterilization Showdown: Bowie-Dick Testing – <i>Solventum</i>	Education Theatre Booth 319 Booth 1214 Booth 827 Booth 1014
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11:30 a.m.	High Stakes, High Standards – <i>Solventum</i> Importance of Steam Sterilizer Preventive Maintenance – <i>SteelcoBelimed</i>	Booth 1014 Booth 1214

EXPO EDUCATION

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Are You Ready to Ace ELM Across Sterilization Modalities?

Sarah Sholes Antonelli, Patient Support Transition Specialist

Monday, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Booth 1014

Growing evidence supports every load monitoring (ELM). This session reviews the key risks of surgical infection and cites relevant guidelines pertaining to quality assurance monitoring across modalities, particularly steam and VH2O2. Join to learn about the technology behind biological indicators (BIs), the “king” of monitoring tools, and the rationale for ELM. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Automation that Actually Works: Starting Small, Scaling Smart

Marjorie Wall, VP, Customer Optimization & Success

Monday, 1 p.m.

Booth 715

Explore automation in sterile processing as a gradual, system-based journey rather than a one-time capital purchase. Learn how to assess readiness, avoid common implementation pitfalls, and identify practical automation opportunities that can be integrated into existing workflows without alienating staff, disrupting existing operations, or scaling broken processes. Participants will identify common non-technical causes of automation failures in SPDs and evaluate departmental readiness for automation based on workflow, staffing, and space constraints. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Behind the Exam: CHL Updates and the Test Development Process

Siri Sorensen and members of the Certification Council

Monday, 4 p.m.

Education Theatre

Take an in-depth look at the Certified Healthcare Leader (CHL) certification and the work happening to keep it current, valid and meaningful. This session offers a rare, behind-the-scenes look at how HSPA's certification exams are developed and refined, giving attendees a deeper understanding of the rigor and intentionality that goes into the process. We'll walk through the latest updates to the CHL certification and review the implications for current and prospective certificants. The presenters will take attendees through the test development and decision-making processes, from the initial job analysis to the pilot exam and beyond. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Behind the Pages: Textbook Development at HSPA

Jon Wood and Emily H. Nordstrom,

Technical Publications Department

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Education Theatre

Step behind the scenes of HSPA's textbook development process. Get to know the people who create the content and how you can be involved. Review the general project steps and timelines, including writing, editing, photograph collection, design and revision. Join us to learn how HSPA transforms expert knowledge into trusted educational resources. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Complex Devices (Batteries, Electrics & More): How Can We Disinfect What We Can

Karen Owens, Senior Director, Clinical & Customer Education

Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Booth 715

There is a growing blind spot in sterile processing: the reprocessing of battery-powered, electronic, and complex devices that cannot be immersed. Participants will gain awareness of hidden risks and unique cleaning and disinfection challenges. They will identify sources of variability and risk in manual cleaning workflows and leave better equipped to recognize and manage these challenges, even when no perfect solution exists. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Critical Water, Critical Outcomes: Advancing Sterile Processing with ST108

Brianne McGuire, Director of Business Development

Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Education Theatre

ANSI/AAMI ST108:2023 establishes the most rigorous expectations to date for water used in sterile processing. This session provides a focused review of what ST108 requires, why it matters and how to put it into practice. We will examine gaps in bacterial and endotoxin control; the limits of conventional technologies like RO, DI, and UV; and the value of secondary protection at points of use. Leave with a practical framework for aligning with ST108, reducing the risk of reprocessing failures, and strengthening sterility assurance for patient safety. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.

Critical Water for Sterile Processing: Compliance, Design, and Maintenance

Matt Dillon, Application Specialist

Monday, 3:15 p.m.

Education Theatre

Critical water serves as the foundation of sterile processing performance—yet it is often one of the most misunderstood critical systems in healthcare facilities. With the implementation of ANSI/AAMI ST108, engineering and facility leaders are being called to strengthen their knowledge and oversight of critical water systems. This session breaks down the process of critical water systems, identifies common gaps found in the field, and presents strategies for achieving consistent compliance. We will explore design considerations, preventative maintenance and risk mitigation steps that reduce bacteria growth, minimize downtime and protect patient safety. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.

Da Vinci Multiport Care and Handling

Marcy Duffy, Genesis Reprocessing

Product Marketing Manager

Monday, 2 & 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 10 & 11 a.m.

Booth 1138

Learn the proper methods and techniques for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing da Vinci instruments, accessories and endoscopes. This session presents the most current revision of the Intuitive Surgical reprocessing instructions (IFU) and a general demonstration. It will describe instructions for decontamination, ultrasonic cleaning, and how to correctly spray and scrub Endowrist tips. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.

Digital Transformation in Sterile Processing—Data You Already Have

Mohammed Murad, Regional Business Owner Connectivity

Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Booth 1214

SPDs generate valuable operational data every day, yet much of it is underutilized. This session focuses on identifying existing SPD data sources and using key metrics to improve daily workflows, reduce errors and support compliance. Attendees will learn a practical approach to turning data into actionable insights. Enhance workflow efficiency, strengthen decision making, and support error reduction without adding new technology or introducing complexity. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.

High Stakes, High Standards

Dr. Atila Nozari, Senior Medical Liaison

Monday, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Booth 1014

This in-booth education session reviews the fundamentals of sterilization in a game-style setting. Discuss biological indicators (BIs) and process challenge devices (PCDs). Review the latest advancements and innovations in Bowie-Dick testing, including next-generation technologies. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.

How Sterility Is Achieved

David Montes, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance

Monday, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Booth 827

Gain a high-level overview of how sterility is achieved and maintained for single-use sterile medical devices from the manufacturer's perspective. Participants will learn the basic principles of EO and gamma sterilization, the meaning of a sterility assurance level (SAL) of 10⁻⁶, and the critical role of packaging as a sterile barrier system. The session also addresses risks to sterility during transportation, storage and handling as well as due to aging after manufacturing. Emphasis is placed on patient safety and why thorough packaging inspection by SP professionals is essential prior to use. Attendees earn 1.0 CE credit.

HSPA Educational & Professional Resources

Casey Stanislaus Czarnowski and Amy DeGraw,
Education Department

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
Education Theatre

HSPA offers a wide variety of diverse educational resources, including free, low-cost and members-only benefits. This session reviews the Association's educational materials and professional development offerings. Learn about opportunities to get involved with HSPA and get a preview of what's in the works. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Importance of Steam Sterilizer Preventive Maintenance

Jay Upchurch, Product Manager

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
Booth 1214

Preventive maintenance is necessary to keep steam sterilizers running properly. This session identifies key areas of the steam sterilizer that need preventive maintenance and explains how preventive maintenance impacts the sterilization cycle and sterilizer uptime. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Inside the Clean: Turning Science into Safer Instruments

Jennie Ingram, Product Manager

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
Booth 1214

Behind every safe surgical procedure lies a science that few see: the precise chemistry, physics and thermal energy that drive effective cleaning and disinfection. Explore how washer-disinfectors use mechanical action, time, temperature and detergent chemistry to clean contaminated surgical instruments. Participants will gain a clear understanding of the cleaning process from soil breakdown to thermal disinfection; learn how variables like water quality and detergent selection affect outcomes; and connect these principles to compliance and infection-prevention goals. This session empowers SP professionals to move beyond routine operation, developing a deeper appreciation of the science behind every cycle and its link to patient safety. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Inside the Tank: Understanding Ultrasonic Cleaning and Cavitation

Zack Spinelli, Associate Product Manager

Monday, 2:30 p.m.
Booth 1214

Ultrasonic cleaning is a powerful and widely used method for removing soils from complex instruments, yet its effectiveness is highly dependent on proper setup and use. This interactive session explores the fundamentals of cavitation and how factors such as loading, chemistry, water quality and operating practices can enhance—or inhibit—ultrasonic cleaning performance. Through visual demonstrations and audience participation, participants will gain a clearer understanding of how everyday decisions in the SPD directly impact cavitation effectiveness and cleaning outcomes. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Instrument Staining Challenge Game

Amanda Coss, Clinical Education and Training Manager

Monday, 1 & 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
Booth 319

Put your knowledge of instrument staining to the test! Join us in this engaging and challenging instrument staining game and discover just how much you really know. Participants will learn stain prevention strategies and explore how ST108 helps manage water quality. Don't miss the fun! Let's see if you can master the art of preventing instrument staining. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



It's Not a Staffing Problem, It's a System Problem

Karen Owens, Senior Director, Clinical & Customer Education

Tuesday, 10 a.m.
Booth 715

Common staffing challenges in SPDs can be reframed as system and process issues rather than simple headcount shortages. Participants will examine how workflow design, role clarity and operational expectations influence retention, performance and quality outcomes. The presentation will highlight system design issues that contribute to staffing instability and turnover; differentiate between people-related challenges and process-related failures; and explain how staffing stability impacts patient safety. Learn strategies to address staffing challenges without defaulting to blame-based solutions. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Mastering the Mock Audit: Lessons Learned from On-Site SPD Assessments

Randalyn Harreld, Clinical Education Manager

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Booth 1214

Mock audits don't have to be intimidating. In this session, SP professionals will learn what auditors really see during on-site assessments—and why small details matter. Using real-world lessons learned from mock audits, this session highlights common compliance gaps, high-risk areas, and practical strategies frontline staff can use every day to align with best practices and stay survey-ready. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Offsite SPD Activation

Ash Crowe, Director

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Education Theatre

An offsite Sterile Processing department is not just a building; it's an opportunity to rethink and improve how an SPD functions and serves patients. Successful activation is key to seeing an offsite SPD live up to its potential. This presentation will review why a successful activation is necessary, present activation projects for offsites, and explain the importance of collaboration with the OR and other departments. Attendees earn 0.25 CE credit.



Optimizing Automated Cleaning Outcomes

Michael Mathews, Clinical Education Specialist

Monday, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Booth 929

This in-booth educational session examines the role of cleaning chemistry in automated washer-disinfector performance, with a focus on the integration of XEN cleaning chemistry within Getinge capital equipment. It addresses practical considerations for implementation and ongoing monitoring to support compliance with ANSI/AAMI ST79 and manufacturer instructions for use (IFU). Recognize best practices for implementing, standardizing and monitoring cleaning chemistry, with a focus on consistency, efficiency and ongoing performance when integrating or transitioning to a new product. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Probe Transport & Storage Best Practices

Jill Holdsworth, Medical Affairs Manager

Monday, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Booth 1229

Proper transport and storage of ultrasound and transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) probes require adherence to best practices. This session describes effective and ineffective methods of transport and storage and the consequences of these actions. Gain actionable solutions to take back to your facility. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Safety Through HLD Automation

Jill Holdsworth, Medical Affairs Manager

Monday, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Booth 1229

This session discusses the risks of manual cleaning and high-level disinfection (HLD) as well as the benefits of automating both of these processes. Participants will review the steps to reprocess TEE and ultrasound probes completely and successfully. They will identify common barriers and areas of failure with cleaning and HLD of probes and as well as solutions to aid in compliance and safety for both patients and staff. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Scrub Smarter, Not Harder: Decontamination Dosing & the Sinner's Circle in Action

Alison Hornig, Senior Product Manager

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Booth 1214

Manual cleaning is a critical step in instrument processing, but it doesn't have to be a struggle. In this session, we will explore the science of the Sinner's Circle—the balance of chemistry, heat, time and mechanical action—to achieve superior decontamination results. Attendees will learn how to optimize detergent dosing, select the right tools for complex lumens, and apply ergonomic techniques to make the sink-side workflow more efficient, less physically taxing, and consistently compliant with processing standards. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Shelf Life and Event-Related Sterility

David Montes, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Booth 827

This session explains the concepts of shelf life and event-related sterility for single-use sterile medical devices from the manufacturer’s perspective. Participants will learn the differences between time-based and event-based sterility, including how manufacturers establish and validate expiration dates using accelerated and real-time aging studies. The course clarifies why hospitals cannot extend labeled expiration dates and the importance of maintaining validated storage conditions. Emphasis is placed on patient safety risks associated with using expired or improperly stored sterile devices. Attendees earn 1.0 CE credit.



The SPD Checkup: Using Assessments to See What You Can’t See

John Kimsey, VP Customer Optimization & Success

Monday, 3 p.m.

Booth 715

Sterile processing assessments can be viewed as proactive “health checks,” diagnostic tools that help departments identify unseen risks, inefficiencies and operational gaps. Participants will learn how assessments support workflow optimization, space planning, utilities evaluation and standards alignment, enabling leaders to translate assessment findings into actionable, phased improvement plans. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



SPD in Seconds: Micro Learning that Fits Your Day

Randalyn Harreld, Clinical Education Manager

Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Booth 1214

Sterile processing work moves fast—and education needs to keep up. This session introduces micro learning: short and focused clinical education snippets designed for frontline SP professionals. Through real-world examples aligned with standards and best practices, participants will discover how quick learning moments can strengthen daily tasks, improve consistency, and support compliance and quality outcomes—without disrupting workflow. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Spot the Risk: AAMI ST108 Interactive Session

Barbara Choczaj, Senior Technical Manager

Monday, 1:30 p.m.

Booth 1214

Hidden water quality risks impact device reprocessing, patient safety and regulatory compliance. Using real-world scenarios, live quizzes and case studies, this session reviews how ANSI/AAMI ST108 reframes water quality as a critical patient safety factor. Participants will differentiate between water quality levels required for cleaning, rinsing, disinfection and steam generation per ST108 and link common SPD problems (spotting, residue, wet packs, biofilm) to specific water quality deficiencies. Leave with practical insights to proactively manage water quality risks, strengthen cross-department accountability, and support audit readiness. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



ST108 Implementation Pinch Points

Matt Bero, Director of Customer Vertical – Life Sciences

Monday, 1:15 p.m.

Education Theatre

Confusion often surrounds ANSI/AAMI ST108 and water management in SPDs. You’re trying to follow the standard, but problems persist. Now what? We’ll cover four common traps SP professionals face when implementing ST108: Learn how key water system equipment impacts design and how to avoid undersizing or oversizing. Understand distribution loop pitfalls, why pairing an old loop with a new water system creates recurring issues. Explore best practices for maintenance, sampling and monitoring. Finally, discover how a strong water management plan and clear interdisciplinary communication prevents confusion and improves efficiency. Leave with practical strategies you can apply immediately. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



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ST108 in Action: Lessons from Building a Safer Sterile Processing Environment

Liston Barber, Product Manager

Tuesday, 9:45 a.m.

Education Theatre

ANSI/AAMI ST108 identifies the water quality and related processes needed to drive safety and operational output in medical device reprocessing. This presentation provides an overview of the essential considerations that should be made when developing an ST108-aligned water management program. Topics include a review of water types and their use in sterile processing, lessons learned from the field during the design and implementation of water management programs, and testing strategies that maximize efficiency and defensibility. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



SteriDate Digital Labeling in Sterile Processing: Supporting ANSI/AAMI Standards

Adam Salberg, Sales Director

Monday, 2:45 p.m.

Education Theatre

This presentation reviews best practices for sterile processing labeling and how SteriDate, a digital labeling solution, supports compliance with ANSI/AAMI standards. Attendees will learn how transitioning from handwritten or manual labels to automated digital labels improves accuracy, traceability and consistency throughout sterile processing workflows. The session addresses common labeling challenges, regulatory expectations and how SteriDate helps reduce human error while supporting patient safety and operational efficiency. This 15-minute product session is not eligible for CE credit.



The Sterilization Challenge: Chemical Indicators

Lawrence M. Talapa, Medical Liaison

Monday, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Booth 1014

This session highlights all things chemical indicator (CI): their purpose, significance and proper use. Ensure accurate monitoring of critical areas with optimal placement strategies for CIs within sterilization loads. Recognize how CIs respond to different sterilization conditions and gain a comprehensive understanding of interpretation criteria. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Sterilization Showdown: Bowie-Dick Testing

Kayla Ostrander, Medical Communications |

Sterilization Assurance

Monday, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Booth 1014

Examine the evolution of Bowie-Dick testing and equipment monitoring. The session presents current standards and guidelines relevant to Bowie-Dick testing in steam sterilizers and closes with a discussion of best practices and new innovations. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



Strengthening Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing

Mary Ann Drosnock, Head of Clinical Affairs

Monday, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Booth 929

This in-booth educational session explores key elements that support effective endoscope reprocessing, including visual inspection, tracking and documentation tools, proper use of labeling and indicators, process standardization, and communication across endoscope workflows. Attendees earn 0.50 CE credit.



The Value of SPD Assessments

Ash Crowe, Director

Monday, 2 p.m.

Education Theatre

An assessment provides a third-party look at a department to uncover issues, raise important concerns and prioritize a path forward. Participants will review the structural support areas, including space and layout, looked at in an assessment and discover how an assessment can help the department. Attendees earn 0.25 CE credit.

