

# PRE-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Technical Seminar | 8–11:40 a.m.

Advance registration and an additional fee required

**New!** This seminar features six half-hour sessions to help elevate daily operations in any Sterile Processing department (SPD) and highlights essential skills to help you grow professionally. For details on topics and speakers, see page 15 and visit the HSPA 2026 app.

Room 318-323

## All-day Workshops | Available 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m.

### The Art and Strategy of Tray Design

*Jennifer Greisen,  
Robert Leenan, Aesculap*  
Room 338

### Bacterial Endotoxins 101: A Practical Guide to ST108 Requirements

*Sherri Hopple,  
Charles River Laboratories*  
Room 340

### Borescope Inspection: Overcoming Challenges and Building Strong Programs

*Andrew Sundet, Clarus Medical  
Nicole Butler, VCU Health*  
Room 341

### Escaping SP: An Escape Room Experience

*Cheron Rojo, Healthmark,  
A Getinge company*  
Room 336

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

*Jake McHugh, Melissa Kubach,  
Nadine Mitchell, Agiliti*  
Room 344

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

*Delores O'Connell, STERIS*  
Room 342

### Spot the Failure: Detect Errors in Sterilization Monitoring Tools

*Larry Talapa, Sarah Antonelli,  
Kayla Ostrander, Solventum*  
Room 339

### Using AI Technology with Sealed Containers

*Dewey Barker, Samuel O'Lo,  
Case Medical*  
Room 343

## Workshop | Available 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

ANSI/AAMI ST79 Intensive - *Amanda Benedict, AAMI*

Room 337

## Leadership Seminar | 1–4:40 p.m.

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**New!** This seminar includes six half-hour sessions designed to help SP leaders at all levels optimize workflows, manage daily operations and build motivated teams. For details on topics and speakers, see page 14 and visit the HSPA 2026 app.

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## Workshop | 2:30 p.m.

What's New in HSPA Certification: A Year in Review - *Siri Sorensen, HSPA*

Room 337

## Workshop | 3:30 p.m.

Writing for Publications: Nailing Down Effective Article Topics - *Julie E. Williamson, HSPA*

Room 337



**Sunday, April 26**

8-8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Awards**  
Ballroom, Level 400

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Opening Keynote**  
**The \$20.6 Million Shortcut: Dissecting the Jake Gleeson IUSS Failure**  
*Jake Gleeson, Shawn M. Flynn, Dr. Peter Nichol, Jason Kafoury*  
*Moderated by Sharon Greene-Golden*  
Ballroom

9:45-10:45 a.m. **Beyond the Keynote: Conversations & Connections**  
Ballroom  
*Sponsored by Skytron*

11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Navigating Endoscope Reprocessing: Biofilm Formation and Removal</b> <i>Daniel Lightfoot</i> Room 318-323	<b>ST108: An Eight-Step Approach to Compliance</b> <i>John Kimsey</i> Room 309-310	<b>Sterile Processing: Then, Now and Where We're Going</b> <i>David Jagrosse</i> Room 307-308	<b>Sustainability in the SPD: How You Can Make a Difference</b> <i>Ann Hewitt, Cheri Ackert-Burr</i> Room 314-317
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12-1 p.m. **Lunch - Ballroom**

1:15-1:45 p.m. **Poster Presentations - East and West Finger Piers**  
**Table Topics - Pratt Street Lobby East**

<b>Behavior of Non-Condensable Gases During Sterilization</b> <i>Felipe Coros</i> Room 309-310	<b>Missing Instruments, Hidden Patterns: Informatics and Tray Accuracy</b> <i>Dannie O. Smith III</i> Room 314-317	<b>On the Road Again: Mapping out TIR109</b> <i>Annetta L. McKnight</i> Room 318-323	<b>Rooted in Purpose: Strategies to Retain Technicians and Reignite Passion</b> <i>Nisheka Germany</i> Room 307-308
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2-2:30 p.m. **Poster Presentations - East and West Finger Piers**

<b>Preparing for the Unexpected: Emergency Response and Disaster Planning</b> <i>Christopher Kuehn, Gloria M. Collura, John Kuehn</i> Room 314-317	<b>Redefining Reliability: Endoscope Reprocessing Beyond Seven Days</b> <i>Emily Barnard</i> Room 307-308	<b>Sterility Jenga: Event-Related vs. Shelf-Life Sterility</b> <i>Darreona McDowell</i> Room 309-310	<b>Tabletop Termination: Strategically Eliminating Medical Office Reprocessing</b> <i>Garrett Hollebeak</i> Room 318-323
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2:45-3:45 p.m.	<b>Better Together: Leveraging IP and SP Relationships to Build a Committee</b> <i>Margaret Gilman, Grunderson Jean-Philippe</i> Room Room 318-323	<b>Executive Presence and Communication to Upper Management</b> <i>Preston Rosales</i> Room 307-308	<b>It's Getting Hot in Here: What to Do When Your HVAC System Isn't Working</b> <i>Matthew Strand</i> Room 309-310	<b>Setting the Bar for Sterile Processing Excellence</b> <i>Sara Vinson</i> Room 314-317
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4-5 p.m. **Aligning Standards, Surveys and Education**  
*Amanda Benedict, Damien Berg, Tiffany Wiksten*  
Ballroom

6:30-8:30 p.m. **Opening Reception**  
**Harbor Lights & Clean Nights**  
**Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, Key Ballroom**  
*Sponsored by Healthmark, A Getinge company*



## Monday, April 27

7-7:45 a.m.	<b>Focusing in the Fray: When the Brain Moves Faster Than the Workflow</b> <i>Jake McHugh, Tiffany Reece, Nicole Simon</i> Room 318-323	<b>Pathway on Purpose: The Non-Linear Journey to Making SP Your Career</b> <i>Hannah Schroeder</i> Room 309-310	<b>Project Management: Improving Quality Through Strategic Initiatives</b> <i>Benjamin Lennon, Jo M. Wood</i> Room 307-308	<b>What Is Hiding in Your Loaners?</b> <i>Abigail Featherly</i> Room 314-317
8-9 a.m.	<b>Shocking Results: The Laparoscopic Instrument Defect Detection (LIDD) Study</b> <i>Cori L. Ofstead, Abby Smart, Frank Daniels</i> Ballroom			
9:15-9:45 a.m.	<b>Poster Presentations - East and West Finger Piers</b>			
	<b>Table Topics - Pratt Street Lobby East</b>			
	<b>Do Your Instruments Have Legs?</b> <i>Tanika Martin, Kimberly Ronningen Mekonis</i> Room 307-308	<b>Good Morning, Baltimore: Empowering the Stars of Survey Readiness</b> <i>Rebecca Lauber</i> Room 309-310	<b>Scan Fatigue: When Efficiency Hurts Accuracy</b> <i>Deannard Esnard</i> Room 314-317	<b>The SPD Regress-a-Nator: Destroying Bad Habits</b> <i>Kyree Thomas, Chimere Curry, LaToya Chapman</i> Room 318-323
10-11 a.m.	<b>Damage Is Danger: What You Don't See Can (and Has) Hurt Patients</b> <i>Michael Matthews</i> Room 307-308	<b>Leading with Agility and Resilience</b> <i>Kevin M. Bush Jr.</i> Room 309-310	<b>Prepare for Growth in Your Robotics Program</b> <i>Barry L. Bryant</i> Room 318-323	<b>ST58: Updates for Enhanced Compliance</b> <i>Anastasia M. Johnson, Julie Gorog</i> Room 314-317
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Lunch - Ballroom</b>			
12-5 p.m.	<b>Expo - Halls EF, Level 100</b>			
5:15-6 p.m.	<b>HSPA Membership Meeting - Room 318-323</b>			

## Tuesday, April 28

7-7:45 a.m.	<b>Elevating Employee Experience Beyond Orientation</b> <i>Carol Malone, Parthena Walker</i> Room 318-323	<b>SP Health Check: Diagnosing Performance Through Data</b> <i>Donald Cabrera</i> Room 309-310	<b>SPD Rescue! Turning Struggles into a Scalable Strategic Asset</b> <i>Adel Afridi, Jennifer Greisen</i> Room 307-308	<b>Timing Matters: How Blood Drying Dynamics Influence Cleaning Outcomes</b> <i>Matthias Tschoerner</i> Room 314-317
8 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Expo - Halls EF, Level 100</b>			
12-1 p.m.	<b>Lunch - Ballroom</b>			
1:15-2:15 p.m.	<b>Building a Borescope Program: Tools, Tactics and Troubleshooting</b> <i>Andrew Sundet, Matthew Thell, Darla Tuil</i> Room 307-308	<b>Human + Machine: Redesigning the Operating System of Surgery</b> <i>Brian Reed</i> Room 314-317	<b>Improving Trust and Safety: Advancing Just Culture in the SPD</b> <i>Ruth Ann Go, Susan Singh</i> Room 309-310	
2:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>Full Steam Ahead: Elevating Sterilization Standards Through Steam Quality</b> <i>Carl Williams</i> Room 307-308	<b>Just Chillin': Elevating Confidence in Low-Temperature Sterilization Assurance</b> <i>Larry Talapa</i> Room 309-310	<b>Play with Purpose: Using Games to Drive Quality in the SPD</b> <i>Robert Parker</i> Room 314-317	
3:45-4 p.m.	<b>Passing of the Presidential Gavel - Ballroom</b>			
4-5 p.m.	<b>Closing Keynote</b> <b>Pushing the Envelope: Being the Best When It Counts</b> <i>Col. Nicole Malachowski</i> Ballroom			

