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KAASC Fall Conference is coming soon!

The Kansas Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers is a statewide, nonprofit association representing the interests of those who operate ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) throughout Kansas.

KAASC is a vital resource to professionals such as yourself because in addition to offering educational programs, members have the opportunity to meet with colleagues on a regular basis. KAASC provides important information concerning health care issues affecting ASCs. It prepares members to deal with state and local legislative issues. KAASC Board is excited this year to roll out the updated website as well as the updated FB page at the conference. This will be a great communication tool for our KAASC members.

The 2023 Annual KAASC Infection Control Certificate Program and Fall Clinical Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, **October 26-27, 2023**. Make plans to join us at the St. Joseph Medical Center, 1000 Carondelet Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, 64114 in the Alex George Auditorium. Parking signs for conference attendees will be posted on the date of the event. We have reserved a block of hotel rooms close to the conference. Attached is the hotel information. **Hotel Reservations need to be made NO LATER than September 30, 2023**. Please plan on making these arrangements as soon as possible to secure the block pricing.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NEW LOCATION FOR OUR FALL CONFERENCE

KAASC is excited about this year's conference. Attached is the agenda topics with our key speakers noted.

Please return the completed form with a check payable to KAASC or credit card information. Forward to: Leisa Wright, KAASC Board, 6265 Rock Chalk Drive, Suite 2100, Lawrence, KS 66049 or email registration packet to Leisa Wright at lwright@lawrencesurgerycenter.com.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Leisa or myself. We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 KAASC INFECTION CONTROL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AND FALL CLINICAL CONFERENCE.

Sincerely,

Rosanna Mitchell, KAASC President

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2023 KAASC INFECTION CONTROL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AND FALL CLINICAL CONFERENCE

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Federal Legislative and Regulatory Updates – Stephen Abresch, ASCA

Stephen Abresch is the Assistant Director of Government Affairs at the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (ASCA), where his primary responsibilities include covering state legislative and regulatory activity. Prior to joining ASCA in 2019, Stephen got his start in state government affairs in 2010 when he was a staffer in the House Appropriations Committee in the Maryland House of Delegates: he later spent nearly seven years at the state government affairs firm Stateside Associates, covering a wide range of topics including digital privacy, financial regulations and state procurement issues. Stephen earned his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Political Science from Salisbury University and completed a Master's program on Public Policy, with a focus on Social Policy, at George Washington University in 2012.

Stop by the ASCA exhibitor booth and learn more about ASCA!

Staying Current with NSI/AAMI ST 79 / The Eyes Have It

Delores O'Connell

LPN, BA, AGTS, ASQ-CQIA, CRCST, CIS, CER, CHL, FCS, CSPDT

Delores O'Connell is a Senior Clinical Education Specialist representing STERIS Corporation supporting Infection Prevention Technology (IPT) Healthcare in the Pacific Northwest. She is responsible for supporting the professional education needs to achieve best practices in infection prevention, sterile processing, surgical and endoscopy environments as it pertains to device processing. She has worked as a consultant on several healthcare construction projects assisting in developing a reprocessing department from the blueprint stage to full operation. She promotes Quality and Lean philosophies alongside management systems and cultural change to improve patient safety while collaboratively working with all stakeholders from clinicians to administrators.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management and Computer Science from the University of Illinois and certifications from, HSPA, SGNA, ASQ and CBSPD. Delores has presented at local, regional, national, and international continuing education programs and conferences for HSPA, OR Today, APCIC and APIC.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ricky Phillips, SCA

Ricky Phillips is an accomplished Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Program Manager with a rich background spanning both the university and private sector landscapes. With a degree in Sociology with a concentration in inequality and social structure, and over a decade of experience in cultivating inclusive environments, Ricky has dedicated his career to driving positive change. In the academic realm, he led groundbreaking initiatives at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, fostering a culture of equity among students and faculty. Transitioning to the corporate sphere, he successfully implemented comprehensive DEI strategies at Change Healthcare, promoting diversity awareness and employee engagement. He currently serves as the Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Program Manager for SCA Health, where he supports SCA's 7 teammate resource groups and leads their DIBs Executive Steering Committee. Ricky's expertise lies in designing and delivering workshops, facilitating dialogues, and developing sustainable DEI frameworks. His commitment to creating spaces where every voice is valued and celebrated is a testament to their passion for a more inclusive world.

Infection Control: Top 10 Deficiencies– Vanessa Sindell

Senior Consultant

MSN, BSN, RN, CAIP

Vanessa joined the Progressive Surgical Solutions team in 2018. Previously, Ms. Sindell worked as the Director of Nursing for a busy surgery center. As director, she successfully completed three deemed-status surveys with no deficiencies. Ms. Sindell's experience in running an ASC makes her an expert in clinical operations and management.

Overall, Ms. Sindell has 17 years of experience in nursing most of which has been spent in Ambulatory Surgery Centers. Using her expansive experience and knowledge, she has presented on ambulatory surgery topics at several national industry meetings.

Ms. Sindell received her Bachelor of Science in nursing, her master's in nursing leadership and is CAIP certified.

Project Firstline for Healthcare Workers: Escape Room Edition- Cassie Stevenson, RN, KDHE

Cassie Stevenson is the Senior Infection Preventionist and Project Firstline Coordinator for the Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Section at Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She is a Registered Nurse with a background in leadership, infection prevention and nursing across multiple health care settings. Her passion for infection prevention started in a critical access hospital in rural Kansas in 2015 and she maintains dedication to bringing infection prevention education to all types of healthcare settings.

The Quest for the Holy Grail – Competency Assessment in Healthcare- James X Stobinski, PhD, RN, CNOR, CSSM/E, CNAMB(E)

Jim Stobinski is a nurse researcher, author and presenter with extensive speaking experience at the national level. He has been published in peer reviewed journals to include the *AORN Journal*, *Perioperative Care and Operating Room Management*, *OR Manager* and the *Journal of Nursing Administration*. He has nearly 40 years of operating room experience and his education includes a diploma in nursing from the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing and a BSN and MSN from East Carolina University. He earned a PhD in International Health Research from Touro University International for a study of competency and skill acquisition in perioperative nursing. He serves as adjunct faculty at Nova Southeastern University and Wilkes University and is a guest lecturer at East Virginia Medical School. He is now the Director of Education at NIFA in Centennial Colorado; which is among the largest providers of training for Registered Nurse First Assistants (RNFAs). He maintains an active research agenda centered on nursing demographic and patient outcome studies.

Medical Malpractice – Scott Miles, Central State Recovery

Active Shooter – Ken Alexandrow, Agape Tactical

Ken, founder of AGAPE Tactical, retired after a 26-year career in Law enforcement. Professional experience includes: Patrol, Academy Instructor in Firearms/Confrontation Management, and member of FBI Violent Crimes Task Force. He has trained law enforcement, civilians, and organizations throughout the United States on mindset, personal defense, and active killer response. Agape specializes in stress-inoculated techniques which provide the most realistic training possible.

Facility Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Registration Fee: Before October 2, 2023 KAASC Member \$200 Non-member \$300

If your ASC has more than one person attending, the additional attendees receive a \$50 discount.
Late Registration: After October 2, 2023, please add \$50 for each attendee registration. Attendee registration fees are non-refundable.

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION
KAASC Infection Control Conference

SpringHill Suites
Overland Park Leawood

4081 Indian Creek Parkway, Overland Park, KS 66207
913-340-7270

Booking Link: [Book your group rate for KAASC](#) (highlight, right click, open hyperlink)

Group Name: KAASC

Hotel Group Rate: October 25-27, 2023

Please reserve early as blocks will fill up quickly. Final day to reserve a room at KAASC rate is October 2, 2023.