



CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

*Continuing Nursing and Allied
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Teaching and applied medicine stimulate one another. We encourage open communication. We support speakers and participants as partners, sharing the common goal continually expanding and sharing knowledge and skills. Because together we advance healthcare.

WE ESTABLISH GLOBAL STANDARDS

In order to strengthen Aesculap Academy's position as a global education forum, we encourage international knowledge transfer, support an interdisciplinary network and invest in new locations. We create innovative learning environments all over the world that ensure a high level of courses. Because our name represents a commitment to continuing education.



COMPLIMENTARY CLINICAL EDUCATION SHORT PROGRAMS

Live Presentation with Study Guide
Delivered by Aesculap Sales Representatives

Available Exclusively Online at
Pfiedler Enterprises, the CE Provider

PREMIER GRADE OR SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS: FUNCTION, TESTING AND REPAIRS

Description: Focuses on identifying the function testing appropriate for scissors, clamps, kerrisons, and rongeurs. Discusses and names two clinical implications for improperly functioning instruments. Describes the different types of repairs and the importance of routine repairs.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

LAPAROSCOPIC INSTRUMENTS AND SCOPES: TIPS FOR CARE, INCLUDING BARIATRICS

Description: Discuss the clinical and economic impact of healthcare-associated infections today. Identify obesity trends in the United States. Identify the key points involved with processing laparoscopic instruments. Name two methods of testing for instrument integrity and function. Identify challenges of laparoscopic instruments and scopes. Outline current trends in laparoscopic surgery.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

PREMIER OR GRADE SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS: TIPS FOR CARE

Description: Focuses on identifying and maintaining premier quality surgical instruments with clinical considerations for providing premier quality surgical instruments.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

This course is also available online at www.aesculapusa.com

RIGID STERILIZATION CONTAINERS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Description: This continuing education activity will provide an overview of the use of reusable rigid sterilization containers as sterile packaging systems including immediate use steam sterilization.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

FORGING THE COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

Description: This continuing education activity will give an overview of how communication works and how to be a more effective communicator. The participant will also learn tips for how to handle difficult communication situations.

Accreditation: 1.0 Contact Hour, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

CONTAINERIZING PRE-CONFIGURED INSTRUMENT TRAYS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Description: Pre-configured instrument trays are routinely used in complex orthopaedic and spine surgeries. These trays contain multiple instruments with varying degrees of sharpness or precision which pose a greater risk for compromise to packaging integrity before and after sterilization. This continuing education activity offers a summary of the clinical considerations related to the use of rigid sterilization containment systems as packaging for medical devices.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

MAINTAINING THE STERILE BARRIER IN THE REAL WORLD

Description: Packaging systems are intended to provide a barrier to ingress of pathogenic microorganisms and to maintain the sterility of its contents until needed for use in surgery. To achieve a positive patient outcome it is imperative that personnel responsible for processing surgical instruments and establishing a sterile field remain aware of current guidelines and best practices for selection, use, and maintenance of sterile packaging systems. This continuing education activity will identify packaging systems and associated best practices for maintaining the sterile barrier.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

PREMIER OR GRADE SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS: THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Description: Focuses on identifying key components of premier quality stainless steel used for manufacturing surgical instruments and defines the stainless steel surgical instrument package labeling requirements in the United States.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD
<http://pfiedler.com/ce/1298/>

RIGID CONTAINERS FOR IMMEDIATE USE STEAM STERILIZATION

Description: Focuses on various methods of sterilization, and sterilization failures and infection prevention using current guidelines for immediate use steam sterilization.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD
<https://www.pfiedler.com/ce/1269/>

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RIGID STERILIZATION CONTAINERS

Description: Focuses on the historical development of reusable rigid sterilization containers. Discusses the regulations, guidelines, and recommended practices for the use and care of reusable rigid sterilization containers.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD
<https://www.pfiedler.com/ce/1270/>

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LEADERSHIP IDEAS FOR TODAY'S CS PROFESSIONAL

Description: This educational activity focuses on individual leadership in the perioperative environment. A metaphor and acronym EAGLES will be introduced to aggregate key leadership concepts and principles that challenge leaders.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

CJD--ARE YOU PREPARED, REALLY?

Description: Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) is a fatal human prion disease. This continuing education activity will review the importance of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) today, followed by a comparison of animal and human TSEs. The signs, symptoms, and modes of transmission of TSEs will be described. The infectivity risk of various tissue types will be outlined. Finally, key perioperative nursing considerations regarding developing a preparedness plan and the protocol for reprocessing and sterilizing surgical instruments contaminated with CJD will be discussed.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

SURVIVING YOUR NEXT SURVEY

Description: This activity will explain the motivation and focus of the accreditation survey process of various accrediting organizations, with an emphasis on the The Joint Commission (TJC) standards relevant to instrument processing. The methodology used for TJC surveys will be discussed and questions that can help learners prepare for a survey will be reviewed.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD

LOANER INSTRUMENTATION--TODAY'S ISSUE; TOMORROW'S SOLUTION

Description: The appropriate management of loaner instrumentation and implants often presents challenges for the sterile processing and perioperative personnel related to proper cleaning and terminal sterilization. This program will assist personnel involved in the use and care of loaner instrumentation to understand the critical issues, as well as effective solutions, to provide safe care and ultimately promote positive patient outcomes.

Accreditation: 2.0 Contact Hours, CA Board of Registered Nursing, IAHCSSM & CBSPD



Bob Marrs, CRCST, CIS, CHL

Director, Consulting Services & Field Operations, Aesculap, Inc.

Bob Marrs is director of consulting services and field operations with Aesculap. Previously he worked in the perioperative setting for 19 years in various roles from certified surgical technologist to CSD technician, case cart coordinator, sterile processing manager and director. Bob maintains certifications as a CRCST, CIS, and CHL. He maintains instructor status with IAHCSSM. Bob served as the president of the Texas State Association of Central Service Professionals for six years and an IAHCSSM executive board member.

Bob holds a Bachelors Degree in professional communications from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He travels throughout the US and world speaking about various CSD and infection control issues. He has been published with numerous healthcare publications and has contributed to the IAHCSSM CRCST 7th edition and CHL Leadership Manual. Bob has a passion for excellence in sterile processing and believes that certification through education provides the foundation needed for superior patient care.

CLINICAL EDUCATION FULL AND HALF DAY PROGRAMS:

Facilitated by Cynthia Spry, RN, MA, MS, CNOR; Stephen Sayer, ONC; Joan Spear, MBA, RN, CNOR, CRCST and Bob Marrs, CRCST, CIS, CHL

These courses are facilitated by experienced clinicians. The program is typically delivered at the hospital location on a Saturday. Aesculap provides light catering for the participants.

CURRENT ISSUES IN INSTRUMENT PROCESSING

This full day program will provide an overview of the most current issues in instrument processing including extended cycle, new sterilization technologies, the FDA requirements for packaging products, and product testing. Quality monitoring with an emphasis on containers will also be reviewed. In addition, this program explores the chain of infection with emphasis on the link to instrument processing. The program also includes interactive discussion and hands on exercises. The program is accredited and approved by the CA Board of Nursing for 6.0 contact hours, IAHCMM credit of 5.5 contact hours and CBSPD credit of 5.75 contact hours.

The cost is \$20 per person.

Joan Spear and Cynthia Spry

HOT TOPICS IN STERILE PROCESSING

This full day program will provide attendees new concepts to their work settings, ask the attendees how they are keeping pace with the trends and stress the importance of how vital the participants' work is to the health of their hospital and patients. The program also includes interactive discussion and hands on exercises. The program is accredited and approved by the CA Board of Nursing for 5.75 contact hours, IAHCMM credit of 5.75 contact hours and CBSPD credit of 5.5 contact hours. The cost is \$20 per person.

Joan Spear and Stephen Sayer

UPDATE ON MEDICAL DEVICE PROCESSING CHALLENGES

This half day program will focus on today's challenges in processing medical devices and strategies listed to meet those challenges within the CPD. In addition, advances of the Sterile Processing field will be discussed. Specific topics include the latest on the value of using data, UDI's, IFU's, preparing the department for inspections, communication and best practices in Sterile Processing. The program is accredited and approved by the CA Board of Nursing for 4.0 contact hours, IAHCMM credit of 4.0 contact hours and CBSPD credit of 4.0 contact hours.

The cost is \$10 per person. **Joan Spear**

About the Presenters



**Cynthia Spry,
RN, MA, MS,
CNOR**

*Independent
Clinical Consultant
Sterilization and
Disinfection*

Cynthia Spry is an independent clinical consultant with thirty years of periOperative nursing experience. She was an international clinical consultant focusing on sterilization and disinfection, and is a past national president of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). She received both the AORN Award for Excellence and the Jerry G. Peers Distinguished Service Award. Cynthia is the co-chair of the AAMI committee responsible for ST 79 Comprehensive guide to steam sterilization and sterility assurance. She has published and lectured extensively on sterilization, disinfection and related infection control. Cynthia holds both CNOR (Certified Nurse Operating Room) and CSIT (Surgical Instrument Processor) certifications.



**Stephen Sayer,
ONC**

*Technical Services
Training Manager,
Aesculap, Inc.*

Stephen Sayer has over 25 years of experience in surgical instrument manufacturing and surgical instrument repairs.

Stephen was raised and educated in the United Kingdom. Following employment as an apprentice instrument maker, he enrolled as an apprentice at one of the oldest Guilds in London supporting surgical instrument education. After completing the apprentice program, Sayer received his Ordinary National Certificate (ONC) in production engineering. Sayer's main area of experience is in the field of stainless steel with a special passion for Kerrison rongeurs.



**Joan Spear, MBA, RN,
CNOR, CRCST**

*Independent Clinical Consultant
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Joan Spear's healthcare career spans over three decades in various roles including Director of Emergency Department, Director of PeriOperative Services, Director Maternal Child Health, Director Oncology Services, Supervisor Support Services Anesthesia, OR, Sterile Processing. She has represented Aesculap on various AAMI Workgroups for over 10 years, and currently serves as Co-chair of AAMI ST79. Joan has also done legal consulting. In 2001, she received the AORN Award for Excellence in PeriOperative Nursing. Through her invaluable contributions, Joan's activities outside her work setting have positively influenced patient outcomes, including serving on multiple Board of Nursing Task Forces, the implementation of an RN First Assistant (RNFA) program at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland, and mentoring colleagues around the country. She has presented on various topics including sterile processing, infection control in the OR, process streamlining, and collaboration for international, national and local audiences. Joan is known as a strong advocate for nursing, nurses and sterile processing professionals as a result to her career-long dedication to excellence in patient care.

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The courses at the Aesculap Academy offer participants who want to continue to learn in an inspiring environment knowledge transfer and teaching that are adapted to real life: lifelong learning, true-to-life training situations and realistic content for a better life for patients and medical staff.

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