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Upcoming Events

GSASC/ SCASCA Joint Semi-Annual Conference

August 16-17, 2018
Marriott Hilton Head
Hilton Head, SC

[Click Here to Register](#)

Breakout session sponsored by:



If you would like to attend only the SCASCA breakout session at 2pm on August 16th, email Meghan@ascmember.org

SCASCA Forum

Looking for answers? Checkout the

President's Letter

Dear SCASCA Members,

2018 is going by in a flash! It's hard to believe that our GSASC/SCASCA Conference will be here before we know it. The conference will be held back in beautiful Hilton Head this year August 16-17. Register now for a great opportunity to network with your colleagues and receive valuable continuing education for your facility. The infection control portion of the conference always provides valuable information for your infection control officers, as well as continuing education that is required by AAAHC and CMS. I hope to see everyone there.

We are pleased to announce that all ASC's who were a member of SCASCA last year have renewed their memberships for this year! This is testament to the wonderful educational opportunities, resource materials, and networking opportunities we provide. We are excited to welcome everyone back for another great year!

Don't forget, our online SCASCA forum is a fantastic way to ask questions and receive feedback and resource materials with your colleagues. Chances are, if you have the questions, others may have the same or similar question, so the feedback you receive from colleagues could benefit them as well.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer, and I look forward to seeing you all in Hilton Head in August!

Warm Regards,
Tammy Andrews, CASC
President, SCASCA

[SCASCA Member Forum](#)

on the SCASCA.org website!

Members can access this forum by using their email address for the username the password you created. Forgot your password? [Click here to reset your password.](#)

Email Ryan@Ascmember.org for help with the website.

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Infection Control Guidelines Updates

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This spring, recommendations for changes in infection prevention were issued which may impact policies and inspection results.

Surgical Attire

A notification about surgical attire was released as a result of a collaborative effort of seven organizations: APIC, AORN, American College of Surgeons, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Association for Surgical Technologists, Council on Surgical and Perioperative Safety and The Joint Commission. These organizations discussed research-based information about surgical site infections and operating room attire, specifically hair and ear covering. The conclusion was that there is lack of evidence that covering the ears is needed to reduce the chance of infections. In addition, covering the ears may interfere with the ability to provide safe care, such as communicating with team members and hearing equipment operating and alarms sounding in the operating room. Also, one type of head covering versus the use of another type does not apparently impact infection rates. Therefore, surgical caps versus bouffant type of hair covering and the extent of hair covered apparently does not have a correlation to incidence of surgical site infections.

AORN announced it is working on an update to its surgical attire recommendations. However, there is a possibility that CMS may

[Click here](#) to read Sandra's full article including links to resources.

SCASCA Infection Control Seminar

Everyone who works in the ambulatory surgery center industry knows that ASCs offer high quality care to our

patients. Key to that quality care is each center's infection control program. These programs give centers the opportunity to demonstrate and document how they deliver care safely and with the best interest of their patients.

Attend the SCASCA Infection Control Seminar and hear the latest trends and best practices as it relates to infection control prevention. This one day seminar will be held on Saturday, September, 29th in Columbia from 9:00am- 1:30pm at the Lexington Medical Center in Columbia, SC.

Registration is only \$95 per attendee! Brochure and registration information coming soon.

2018 Quality Reporting Update

It's a good feeling—almost like you made a triple play! You submitted data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for the 2017/2018 influenza season and reported the web-based measures via QualityNet by May 15. Your Quality Data Codes are being credited to your facility, and now you're ready to slide into summer. So, what's on tap for your summer activities?

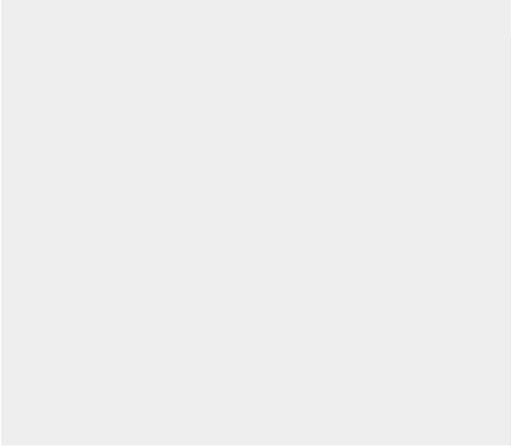
Play catch...

Catch some educational webinars to brush up on your quality reporting skills at Quality Reporting Center. Visit the [Archived Events](#) section at <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/asc/> and learn more about:

- New features on the website and in the Specifications Manual.
- Techniques for smoothing administrative processes to improve your quality reporting staff transitions.
- Measure data to see how your ASC compares to state and national results.

Cover all the bases...

If your Facility Administrator or Primary Contact hasn't



completed the Agreement to Participate and Consent form, you have until June 15 to complete this on NHSN.

Hit a homerun!

Keep meeting all of the program requirements by keeping your system accounts up-to-date. Log into QualityNet and NHSN on a regular basis to maintain an active status.

Enjoy the warmer weather (finally!), and call 866.800.8756 or email qgrsupport@hsag.com if you have any questions.