



# THE CRITERION

Official Newsletter of the CBSPD

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## Diving into Technology

We've been working behind the scenes for quite a while, to develop a new website. Stay tuned, we're deploying our new site this summer! A new look, easy navigation and ease of use as well as a client portal. In addition, we also have our own Youtube Channel! Check out our videos on how to fill out our exam application and put together your paperwork for re-certification!

Our videos are short, include easy directions and visual examples to guide you with completing an exam application or your re-certification packet.

Check out the 'teaser' video for our new website! We know you may want to peek!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Hf\\_GB5-mN4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Hf_GB5-mN4)

## We have a new address

As we continue to grow, we found that our office and staff needed more space. Effective immediately, please note our new address:

CBSPD Inc.  
1392 US Highway 22 W.  
Suite 1  
Lebanon, NJ 08833

Please note; our phone and fax number haven't changed. Our phone number is 908.236.0530 and our fax is 908.236.0820.

Please note this change for your records.

## Open nominations for CBSPD Board Vacancies

The CBSPD Board is seeking nominees to fill open Board representative vacancies. Positions opened since the prior representatives' terms have ended. We are seeking diligent, dedicated and passionate certificants to fill the following representative positions: Ambulatory Surgery Tech, GI Scope and Management.

To qualify as a nominee: The certificant must hold a valid, active certification for the position of interest. In addition, the certificant must be working in that position currently. For example, an Ambulatory Surgery Tech should be working in an ambulatory setting performing SPD duties. Verification of employment and position will be required of all nominees before any names are added to the voting ballot.

Voting Board member responsibilities:

1. Each candidate being considered for an open position on the Board of Directors is provided with a copy of their Job Description for review when being considered for the position. The Job Description is sent by the Executive Commissioners
2. Each voting Board Member is required to sign an agreement to maintain confidentiality related to non-publicized business of the CBSPD including, but not limited to board meeting discussions and committee discussions.

## 2019 Exam Dates

### **\*\*Examination Dates\*\***

August 5-10, 2019

November 4-9, 2019

### **\*\*Application Deadlines\*\***

Tuesday - July 30, 2019

Tuesday - October 29, 2019

3. Acts ethically and professionally while representing and conducting business for the Board.
4. Responds to all requests for information by fellow Board of Director members within a specified time frame. Failure to do so on a continual basis will result in removal from the Board.
5. Maintains effective channels of communications. A quarterly report must be submitted to the Executive Commissioners reflecting their activities for the CBSPD.
6. Attends the annual Board Meeting.
  - a. Reviews, comments and votes on matters discussed.
  - b. Reviews and approves Meeting minutes.
  - c. The BOD meetings are held annually during the second weekend in November.
  - d. The BOD reports are due the first of the month in February, May, August and an annual report given at the BOD meeting in October.
  - e. All reports, including the annual report should be emailed to the Executive Director by the deadline date. The Annual report is due September 30th.
7. Makes decisions in the best interest of the CBSPD.
8. Participates in review of any new policies and procedures.
9. Is required to actively serve on at least two committees.
  - a. CEU, Ethics, Newsletter, Ad-Hoc.
  - b. Stays informed about committee matters.
  - c. Assists in the preparation of a written report of Committee activities to present to the board at the annual meeting.
  - d. Assists the Executive Commissioners to maintain appropriate committee records including any changes in committee procedures.
10. Volunteers for and willingly accepts special assignments. Completes assignments thoroughly and on time.

**Remember to submit your programs for CEU approval within 6 weeks. CEUs are the EASY path to maintaining your certification!**



11. Participates in conference calls and/or webinars related to board business.
12. Answers email questions sent to the CBSPD seeking expert advice.
13. Represents the CBSPD at national conferences as required.
14. Represents the CBSPD at local, state or national meetings; provides information about the CBSPD and its processes.
15. Builds relationships with other board members.
16. Nominates and votes for Executive Commissioner positions when open.
17. Required to participate in the final Cut Score approval whenever a new exam is administered.

Nominations are open until August 15th, Thursday. You may nominate yourself or someone you think will be a valued asset to our team.

Please submit your resume, position of interest and a brief summary on what you or the nominee will contribute to SPD/GI Endo professions as well as our Board of Directors. You may email this information to [mailbox@sterileprocessing.org](mailto:mailbox@sterileprocessing.org) or send it through the regular mail to our business address.

Final nominees will added to the voting ballot. Voting will take place in the fall. More details will be announced!





# **REPORT ON THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEDICAL INSTRUMENTATION**

## **NANCY CHOBIN, RN, AAS, ACSP, CSPM, CFER, CLINICAL ADVISOR**

The AAMI Sterilization Standards group met in Baltimore, Maryland on October 22-25, 2018.

- AAMI announced their new headquarters at :  
AAMI Conference Center  
901 North Glebe Road Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22203

The facilities have extensive meeting space so all meetings will now be held at AAMI headquarters. There is a hotel next door to the AAMI building for members to stay during the meetings.

- Work continues on ST-91, Endoscope document. Despite the resolution of over 600 comments on the previous draft, another 624 comments were submitted. The group met for two full days. The Committee is reconvening January 8, 20-19 to resolve the comments and hopefully move forward with this document.
- ST-79 Steam Sterilization document – Despite this document being completely updated and published in November, 2017, the Steam Sterilization group reconvened at this meeting to discuss comments submitted by members regarding important information that was missing from the document. The group decided to concentrate on the 5 most critical items which are being considered to be added to the document rather than wait for the next 5-year review.
- Chemical Sterilants (ST-58) – Work is continuing on updating this document. It was last updated in 2013. There is much work to be done.
- Rigid Sterilization Container Systems (ST-77) met and are reviewing the document for updating.
- A new Technical Information Report (TIR) is being developed under the Endoscope Committee. This document will deal with the processing of TEE and Ultrasound Probes. The Committee work is just being started.

The next full meeting of the AAMI Sterilization Standards Committee will be March 18-21, 2019.

# Congratulations!

amber moore, cspdt & cspm

She was selected as the Western Arizona Regional Medical Center Hospital Employee of the Year. In March, she will travel to Nashville, TN to meet the CHS Corporate Leadership Team and to participate in an awards ceremony. She has been employed with the facility since 2006.



Amber is currently the CBSPD Item Review Chairperson. The Item Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving questions for all CBSPD certification exams. This Committee is critical to our organization and exams.

The CBSPD Board of Directors and staff would like to congratulate Amber on her prestigious award! She has been an invaluable member of our Item Review Committee and is a diligent, intelligent and highly dedicated SPD professional.

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU AMBER!

**Enhance your skill set and work with your SPD/GI Endo peers by writing CBSPD exam questions!**

**It's a great way to earn CEUs!**

**To qualify, you must hold an active CBSPD credential(s).**

**For information: Email us at  
mailbox@sterileprocessing.org**



# CERTIFICATION AND SPD EDUCATION IN JORDAN

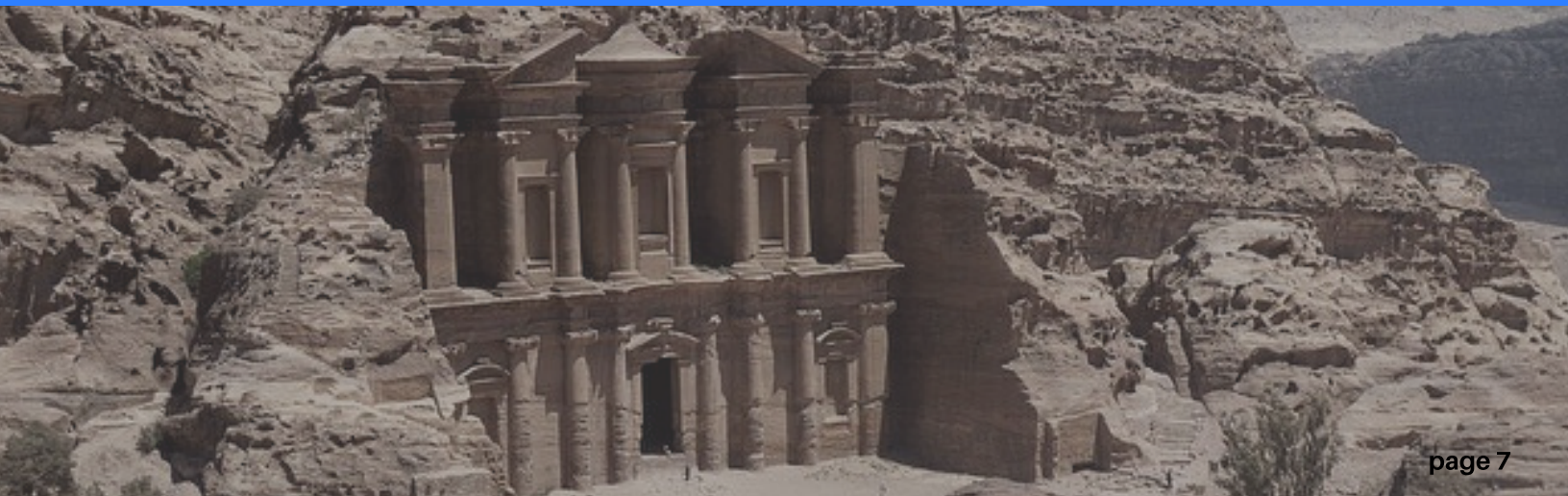
By: Sami Abu-Hammudeh

Perhaps this will be the first article originating from the Middle East that will be published in your CBSPD journal, and I'm sincerely grateful and glad for such opportunity.

Although there are many medical institutions in the Arab region that always strive to implement International standards such as AAMI and AORN for improving patient's health and quality of life, there are still some barriers towards achieving such goals. Some institutions lack the interest in providing training and continuing education for their employees regarding the importance of acquiring and implementing International standards of sterilization for patient's safety.

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My name is Sami Abu-Hammudeh. and I've been working in sterilization department for more than 10 years in of the Jordanian hospitals. My interest in sterilization began by realizing the need to incorporate International standards of sterilization in nursing procedures at my work place due to the great impact of such incorporation to the process and outcomes of nursing care. Therefore, I started reading "The Basics of Sterile Processing" an introductory course for sterilization technicians.



Once I implemented what came in the course in my work, the outcomes were positive in terms of improved patients' quality of care, and such outcomes were noticed by my peers, other health care professional and the hospital administration. Since then, I was eager to transfer what I've learned to other colleagues inside and outside my work place and to achieve this; I created a scientific page on Facebook under the name of "CSSD."

Through this page, members discuss the standards and policies of sterilization and work on issues for improving the implementation process of those policies and standards. The success of the Facebook page exceeded my expectations, as over 1700 professionals in sterilization joined it from different regions of the Arab world and it became the main source to gain knowledge in sterilization especially with the absence of an authentic and official Arabic reference regarding this matter. The main source of information in the CSSD page comes from the AAMI recommendations on sterilization. The members of the page showed great interest and readiness to work on and correctly implement sterilization standards in their work place. Such responses gave me a great pleasure, gratitude and satisfaction in seeing the positive outcomes my initiative have made. In a short period of time I was able to gather a large number of sterilization professionals in one place and from several Arabic regions including Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Qatar, Libya, Bahrain, Oman, Egypt and Iraq among others. What was exciting the most is witnessing the willingness of those professionals to improve their knowledge in sterilization and work on such knowledge.

Later on, I initiated and created a Whatsapp group and gathered those professionals under this app. Through it I was giving lectures and detailed information on sterilization according to the "Basics of Sterile Processing" course in English and Arabic language for free. Today and after three months of this step, there are three different Whatsapp groups hosting almost over 700 professionals. They are continuously and daily reading and engaging in. Learning and striving to be accredited through your institution. Currently, I'm under the process of establishing and licensing the "Arabic Association for Sterile Technicians" with a group of colleagues and professionals in the field. Through this association, we will be able to carry out workshops, seminars and conferences in the field of sterilization and hence developing this field in the Arab region. It's of my pleasure to collaborate with your institution to increase the knowledge and hence the implementation of sterilization techniques among technicians in the Arab region.



I'm very glad that I had the opportunity to undertake your certificate and to communicate with your CBSPD institution. I'm transferring this great experience to my colleagues through encouraging them to apply and have your certificate, which will offer them a safe and excellent work environment and hence ensure patients' safety and quality of care

Sincerely,  
Sami Abu-Hammudeh

## The history of certification by the CBSPD in Mexico and LA

By: Livia Senties, CSPDT, International Liaison Representative

What started like a personal project, became a huge movement with great scope.

The history began 17 years ago when Nancy Chobin traveled to Mexico City to have a meeting with myself and my coworker, Antonio Tellitud. Nancy, president and founder of the then NICHSPDP, told us about the meaning of the certification exam and the process, and we told her about our expectations. Together we came to the conclusion that we could take the test in Mexico and we established the work program to achieve it, we had a lot of work to do!!



One of the principal steps to implement the Technical Exam in Mexico was the Job Analysis. To do this, we gathered a significant group of people who belonged both to public and private hospitals and that worked in the Sterile Processing Department. Nancy applied the questionnaire to them and after the statistical analysis of the results, it was confirmed that the test could be applied in Mexico.

The next step was to conform a preparation course because the text book was only in English. So, working with the “Escuela de Profesionales en Salud del Grupo Angeles” and having the support of Guadalupe Ibarra and Guadalupe Quintero from Grupo Angeles and 3M who sponsored the candidates, in January 2003, we started the course with 44 candidates.

Finally, on April 26th, 2003 the exam was applied at 3M Mexico, and its application meant the culmination of a process that took almost two years! Of the total study group 39 passed the exam and we had a nice ceremony in the Angeles Pedregal Hospital Auditorium having 3M Healthcare authorities and Nancy Chobin to give the Certificates.

That was the beginning!!!

After that first examination, we began the translation of the study material and thanks to the sponsorship of 3M St Paul, the first edition in Spanish of the textbook for the preparation of the technical examination was published. We also initiated the translation of the certification exams, with which we achieved a higher approval rate.

Two years later, in Guatemala, the first certification exam was held on October 22, 2005. Subsequently, other Latin American countries joined, and currently, in addition to Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, Salvador, Ecuador, Venezuela, Honduras, Chile, Argentina, Nicaragua and Panama. With a total of more than 450 exams applied today, with an approval rate of 81%.

Today, after 15 years of the first examination in Mexico, the current CBSPD has applied more than 1000 technical exams, of which 691 candidates have passed this exam and 6 candidates the Supervision exam. The exams have been applied in Mexico City as well as in Monterrey, Nuevo León, and Guadalajara, Jalisco, two of the most important cities in Mexico. And currently we have the text and workbook of “The Basics of Sterile Processing” 6th Edition and “Management Basics for Sterile Processing” 3th Edition in Spanish.

This was possible thanks to the participation of 3M Mexico, Grupo Angeles, Asociacion Neolonesa de Profesionales en Esterilizacion Hospitalaria with Martha Lara, that supported the project since the beginning and recently the

Asociación Mexicana para el Procesamiento Esteril, in Mexico, and in LA, 3M Costa Rica, 3M Puerto Rico, 3M Guatemala, 3M Panama, 3M Nicaragua, 3M Colombia, 3M Chile, 3M Venezuela, Surgicon and others companies and individual persons who believed in certification as a way to promote and encourage high standards of ethical and professional practice in Sterile Processing.

After 17 years, we have achieved great goals, the people who are currently working in the Sterile Processing Department are being more recognized, more valued and more are working on their education, but there is still a lot to do. The recognition and professionalization of the practice in sterile processing is a challenge that must continue, in such a way that the sterile processing department and its personnel are recognized as a fundamental pillar in the care of health and patient safety, and for them, we will continue working!

## QA in SPD/OR- Improve Communication

By: Natoria Pettyjohn, A.S., CST, CSPDT, CSIS



### Objectives:

- Defining best practices
- Defining Quality Assurance
- Defining standards
- Effective communication methods
- Results of effective communication methods

### "Best Practices"

Roles and responsibilities for sterile processing technicians have dramatically changed in recent years. With the incessant changes involving surgical instruments, endless requests from the OR and increased demand for patient surgeries, Quality Assurance along with improved communication is needed.

Processes in SPD should be consistent amongst all technicians whom work in the department. A standard is an idea or thing used as a measure, norm or model in comparative evaluations. Standardizing processes will mitigate the risks from deviating against best practice.



A best practice is the most preferred or superior alternatives compared to its counterparts (Business Dictionary, 2019).

When processes have been developed and deployed within sterile processing and the OR, both departments need to have a clear and concise understanding of changes that may affect patient care.

**"A standard is an idea or thing used as a measure, norm, or model in comparative evaluations. Standardizing processes will mitigate the risks from deviating against best practice."**

### **"Quality Assurance"**

Quality assurance is a program for the systematic monitoring and evaluation of the various aspects of a project, service, or facility to ensure that standards of quality are being met (Merriam Webster, 2019). Quality Assurance are one the main components that every SPD employee should be aware of. The Shewhart Cycle is the prime representation of Quality Assurance and it consists of four different steps. Those steps are planning, doing, checking and acting. Below is a diagram explaining the Shewhart Cycle.

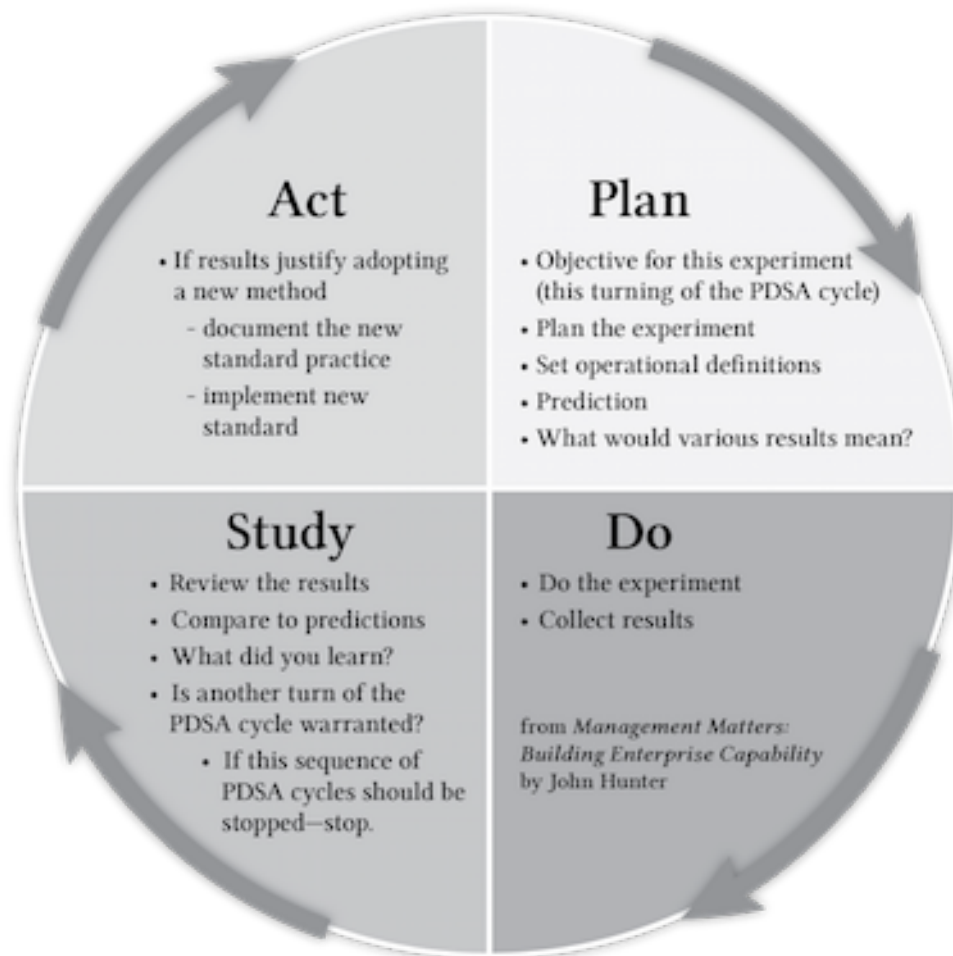
(Source: <https://curiouscat.com/management/dictionary/pdsa>)

### **"SPD Standards"**

A standard is, "A required or agreed level of quality or attainment" (Oxford Dictionaries, 2019). If the SPD and OR department wants to execute their work within high standards, then everyone needs to be aware of AAMI. AAMI stands for Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation. AAMI is considered the Bible for SPD. AAMI is a compilation of best practices, SPD standards and quality assurance. Many organizations in the medical field perceive AAMI as the expert leveled or the highest benchmark for SPD. Overall, if the SPD and OR abide by the SPD standards, then more lives can be saved along with less infection rates in the hospitals.



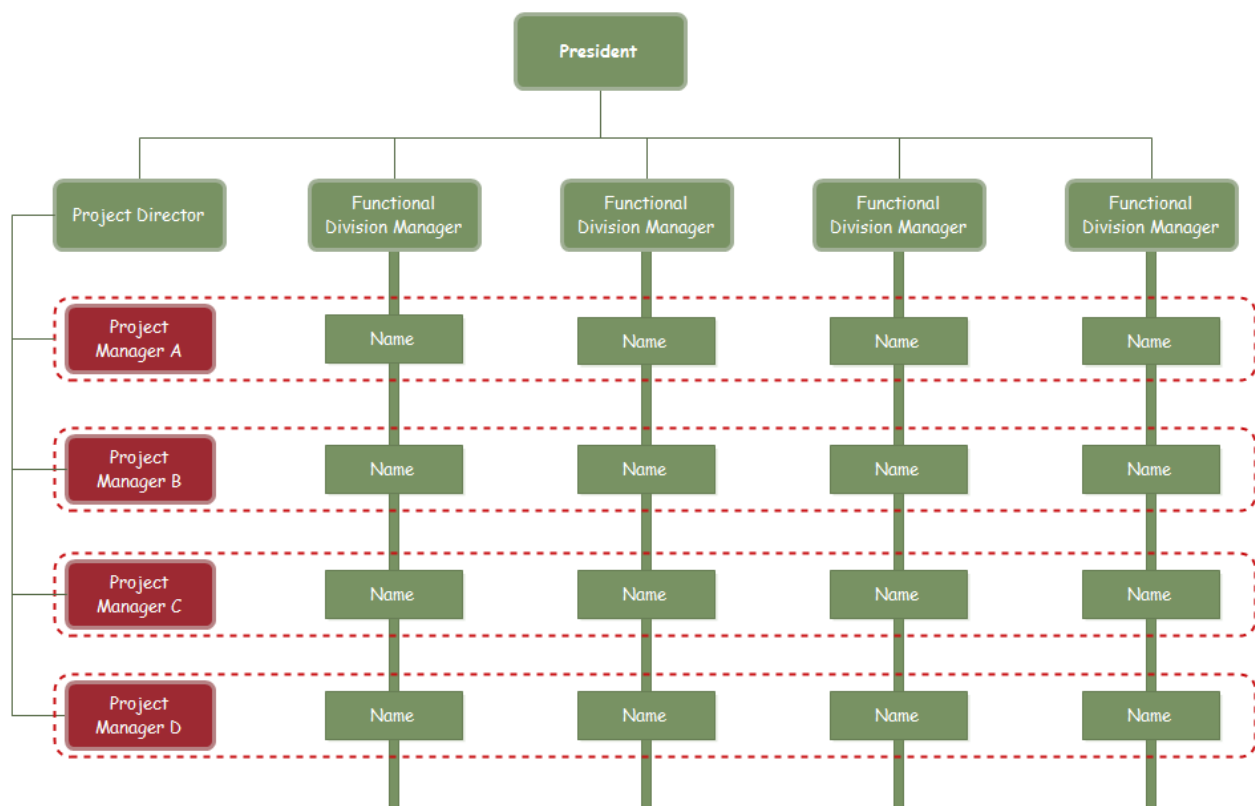
# PDSA Improvement Cycle



## "Effective Communication Methods"

There is a plethora amount of effective communication methods that any business can focus on but the SPD and OR department should focus on these five different methods starting with the sender and receiver method.

**Sender to Receiver Techniques (Face to Face or verbal confirmation)**-The sender would give the message to the receiver. Once the receiver received the message, the sender will ask the receiver to repeat the message to make sure both parties are on one accord.



Source: <https://www.conceptdraw.com/How-To-Guide/matrix-organization>

The departments can insert any name they want in the spaces above. For example, the box that says president can be the SPD instructor and the blocks below the SPD instructor can be shift leads, and below the shift leads, the technician's names can be inserted. Once the SPD instructor trains the shift leads, then it would be the shift leads responsibility to train the shift techs. The SPD instructor must initial next to the shift leads and techs initials to assure that everybody is on one accord.

### "Group Huddles"

Group huddles should be done at the beginning of the shift. The leader needs to communicate the goals for the shift, and the leader needs to motivate the co-workers to increase the probability of meeting and exceeding those goals.

### "Posting Signage"

They say a picture can say a thousand words. Posting pictures, diagrams, and charts can help get the message across to all the employees for the SPD and OR teams. If a new process, rule, or regulation is implemented, then posting a sign is necessary to ensure everyone can review those rules until the message is cemented into their minds.

### "Production Boards"

Production boards are great tools to use when displaying metrics. Those metrics can include increased or decreased infection rates, the number of infected "sterilized" tools, missing tools in sets, associates that have been trained or not, the budget, products that needs to be ordered, etc.

**Results of Effective Communication Methods-** There are a myriad of benefits from effective communication methods. Five results of effective communication for the SPD/OR teams have been stated below and they are:

Reduced Healthcare Associate Infections (HAI's)

Reduced costs

Reduced mortality rates

Improved patience satisfaction

Improved operational efficiencies

### Conclusion

Having an exhaustive understanding on what Quality Assurance is about will only help the hospital staff and its patience in various ways. The SPD and OR teams must work together and utilize effective communication skills to get their message across to everybody. Everybody must comprehend the AAMI standards, which is a compilation of best practices, QA and SPD standards. Effective communication methods will benefit every party involved and most importantly, the infection rates will decrease while ultimately saving people's lives.

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# QA: QA in SPD/OR- Improve Communication Quiz 2019

1. A required or agreed level of quality or attainment is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. philosophy
  - b. standard
  - c. agreement
  - d. mentor



2. The Shewhart cycle consist of \_\_\_\_\_ different steps.
- a. 9
  - b. 3
  - c. 5
  - d. 4
3. Processes in SPD should be inconsistent amongst all technicians.
- a. True
  - b. False
4. A standard is an idea or thing used as a measure, norm, or model in comparative evaluations.
- a. True
  - b. False
5. A program for the systematic monitoring and evaluation of the various aspects of a project, service or facility to ensure that standards of quality are being met is
- a. Recommended practices
  - b. Policies
  - c. Instructions for Use
  - d. Quality Assurance
6. Flowcharts are an effective communication method.
- a. True
  - b. False
7. PDSA is the acronym for
- a. Part, Data, Sender, Achieve
  - b. Plan, Do, Study, Act
  - c. Production, Daily, System, Assembly
  - d. Produce, Duty, Subject, Activate

- 8. Group huddles should be done at the end of the shift
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 9. Only SPD should abide by AAMI standards
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 10. A \_\_\_\_\_ is the most preferred or superior alternatives compared to its counterparts
  - a. Assessment
  - b. Metric
  - c. Standard
  - d. Best practice

## **END OF QUIZ**

The CBSPD has pre-approved this quiz for 1 contact hour.

# Accreditation Survey for Sterile Processing Professionals – Are You Really Ready for It?

By: Angela Jensen, CSPDS

Preparing to pass an accreditation survey in your Sterile Processing department is never done with an EASY button (unfortunately). Even though we should be striving everyday to rise above the standards, it's especially true when we're evaluating our daily reprocessing processes in relation to infection control and safety.



Typically, when we think of accreditation organizations, we tend to think of The Joint Commission (TJC) as they have been like a household name among healthcare facilities for some time. However, there are other accrediting organization choices available though they might not be as popular, such as DNV GL - Healthcare (a subsidiary of Det Norske Veritas), The Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), and The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) just to name a few. The choice of which accreditation organization depends on several factors, including but not limited to, the size of the facility and the healthcare services it provides, the organization's mission, vision, and culture. The healthcare facility's administration selects the accrediting organization that best suits their needs. Accreditation is a voluntary process, and hospitals are still subject to compliance and validation surveys from CMS and/or relevant state health agencies that use CMS investigation methodologies.

Regardless of the accreditation organization selected, a successful accreditation survey requires proper preparation. Preparing for this is no small task for sterile processing professionals since these functions may be carried out in multiple areas within a healthcare system.



For this reason a multi-disciplinary accreditation committee should be formed to evaluate the specific issues associated with the reprocessing of medical devices.

At a minimum, this committee should include representation from sterile processing, operating room, clinical/biomedical engineering, infection prevention and safety, gastrointestinal (GI) lab, risk management, education, quality, administration, materials management and facilities engineering.

The committee should obtain the appropriate documents or standards from the chosen accreditation organization for review, especially those that relate specifically to sterile processing. Keep in mind, during the accreditation process surveyors assess competency, risk assessments, ethics, and practices to verify that the current standards are being met. One aspect of the preparation should include ensuring job descriptions, education, training, and competencies are documented and up to date. Job descriptions and competencies should always reflect what the employees are actually assigned to do. The latest standards, recommended practices, and guidelines from organizations such as AAMI, OSHA, APIC, ASGE, SGNA, and the CDC should be reviewed for any deficits that should be addressed and corrected.

The first step the committee should take is to review the facility's existing policies and procedures to be sure they reflect the current regulations, standards, and recommended practices. When evaluating the policies and procedures related to sterile processing, ensure they are standardized throughout the healthcare system (everyone should be doing the same process). It is also a good idea to reference the specific standard, recommended practice, or guideline when developing policies and procedures.

There are important aspects of sterile processing that should be addressed in written policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the following:

- Facility Design and Workflow
- Personnel Training and Competencies
- Receiving and Processing of Loaner Instrumentation
- Handling and Transporting of Contaminated Items
- Cleaning, Disinfection, and Decontamination Processes
- Preparation and Assembly of Instruments
- Packaging of Instrumentation
- High Level Disinfection and Sterilization Processes
- Sterile Storage and Transportation
- Installation, Care, and Maintenance of Sterilizers
- Process Monitoring, Testing, and Quality Control



It is very important to have up-to-date manufacturers' IFUs readily available for anyone performing any aspect of reprocessing of medical devices. It is a good practice to check for updated manufacturers' IFUs at least every five years to ensure you are still using the latest instructions. This is not only true for medical devices but also for all types of sterilizer equipment utilized, packaging and containment devices such as rigid containers, wrappers, or peel-packs, cleaning and disinfecting chemicals, and any process monitoring devices such as chemical indicators/integrators, biological indicators, etc.

Reprocessing staff should be heavily involved in the preparation process as this will help ensure they understand and follow current policies and procedures as well as ensure they understand the reason for changes and process improvement over time. Understanding the rationale behind the changes should improve their acceptance and lead to better compliance. Anyone involved in reprocessing should be very knowledgeable of standardized practices and must be able to use critical thinking and judgment skills daily. Each employee should be able to speak with surveyors confidently about all functions they perform, it's one thing be able to perform the function but quite another to explain it when put on the spot. This will also help reprocessing staff be more open to any suggestions from the surveyors. The bottom line is the more competent the staff, the more successful the survey will be.

Remember, during a survey, accreditation organizations are looking for conformance to best practices and adherence to the facility's written policies and procedures. This information is by no means everything available to help you pass your next accreditation survey but it is a good start. Always prepare in advance and good luck on your next survey.

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## **Post Test Questions: Accreditation Survey for Sterile Processing Professionals**

1. Striving to rise above the standards is only true when we evaluate our reprocessing processes related to infection control.
  1. True
  2. False
  
2. The only accreditation organization available for healthcare facilities is The Joint Commission.
  1. True
  2. False
  
3. Regardless of the accreditation organization selected, a successful accreditation survey requires proper preparation.
  1. True
  2. False
  
4. A multi-disciplinary committee should be formed to evaluate the specific issues associated with reprocessing medical devices.
  1. True
  2. False
  
5. The first step the committee should take is to
  1. Review the facility's existing policies and procedures
  2. Ensure only job descriptions are up to date
  3. Instruct reprocessing staff to avoid the surveyors questions
  
6. It is a good idea to reference the specific standard, recommended practice, or guideline when developing policies and procedures.
  1. True
  2. False
  
7. Important aspects of sterile processing that should be addressed in written policies and procedures include
  1. Personnel Training and Competencies
  2. Cleaning, Disinfection, and Decontamination Processes
  3. High Level Disinfection and Sterilization Processes
  4. All of the above

8. Reprocessing staff should be heavily involved in the preparation process as this helps ensure they understand and follow current policies and procedures.

1. True
2. False

9. Anyone involved in reprocessing should be able to use critical thinking and judgment skills daily.

1. True
2. False

10. During a survey, accreditation agencies are looking for conformance to best practices and adherence to the facility's written policies and procedures.

1. True
2. False



<https://www.facebook.com/theCBSPD/>

This inservice has been pre-approved by the CBSPD for 1 contact hour





# Sterile Processing University LLC

Sterile Processing University provides textbooks, workbooks and on-line courses to meet the educational needs of sterile processing and flexible endoscope reprocessing personnel. All materials are routinely updated to ensure the most current information is provided. In addition, all educational materials are based on scientific data, recommended practices, regulations, etc. which includes the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation standards.

Online Continuing Education Programs - SPD offers a full line of Continuing Educational programs at a nominal fee. All are approved for Continuing Education points from the Certification Board for Sterile Processing.

#### Textbooks available:

The Basics of Sterile Processing Textbook (6th edition). This book is for sterile processing technicians and Ambulatory Surgery sterile processing technicians.

The Basics of Sterile Processing Workbook (6th edition). To be used in conjunction with the textbook and offers hundreds of study questions and quizzes.

The Basics of Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing Textbook (2nd edition) Is intended for those individuals who are responsible to reprocess flexible endoscopes.

The Basics of Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing Workbook (2nd edition) To be used in conjunction with the textbook and offers hundreds of study questions and quizzes.

Management Basics for Sterile Processing Textbook- (4th edition) UPDATED This book encompasses all management concepts for the sterile processing manager or supervisor and includes performance appraisals, interviewing, safety, labor laws, budgeting, career ladders, etc.

Instructional CD- NOTE TO EDUCATORS - SPU offers an instructional CD in Power Point to facilitate teaching a Central Service/SPD course. The CD follows the course content for the The Basics of Sterile Processing. If you previously purchased a CD, you are eligible for an upgrade.

On-line courses available: If your technicians do not have access to a formal course, the following courses are available on line. There is no time limit, so they can learn at their own pace. A quiz is given after each chapter is completed, and there is a final exam at the completion of the course.

Basics of Sterile Processing Technician course - conforms to the 6th edition of The Basics of Sterile Processing (2016).

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