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Chairperson's Message Karen Swanson LPN, CSPM

I recently returned from the South American national conference in Columbia where I was invited to represent the CBSPD and speak on the importance and benefits of certification. All of the South American countries were represented as well as several European countries. In many areas of South America there is lack of resources such as water quality and up to date equipment that we take for granted in the U.S. and Europe. But despite this, I saw such passion in the Sterile Processing personnel who attended this 3 day conference to learn how they can overcome the obstacles to provide for their patients. There are many companies in South America who support certification and offer opportunities for those who cannot afford it to take the certification exams.

Here in the United States we have had our own issues with the recent flexible ERCP endoscope super bug crisis. AAMI has recently published ST91: Comprehensive guide to flexible and semi-rigid endoscope processing in health care facilities. The document is meant for any flexible or semi rigid scope - not just GI scopes. The document was originally intended to be a Technical Information Report, but the committee recognized the importance and extent of the information and it was developed into a standard. This is a "must have" document for any department reprocessing flexible endoscopes.

Now, more than ever it is important to encourage every Sterile Processing Technician, Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor and Sterile Processing Management to become certified. Not only is the required continuing education for the purpose of re-certifying, but for personal and professional growth and keeping up to date with current recommended practices.

Congratulations to Connecticut! It only took 3 years to reach their goal. The bill for required certification was signed into law in May and will become effective January 1, 2016.



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Best Practices for High Level Disinfection

Nancy Chobin, RN, AAS, ACSP, CSPM

Objectives

- To define disinfection
- To review general disinfection guidelines

Many devices today can be processed in a high level disinfectant. The disinfection process carries the same patient safety concerns as a device that is being sterilized. Unless a device is disinfected correctly, the device may not be safe to use. Furthermore, there are no charts, graphs or biological tests to monitor the manual disinfection process so it is essential that all steps in the process are followed each and every time.

Sterile Processing personnel often perform high level disinfection (HLD) as part of their daily responsibilities. If other departments (areas) are performing, the Sterile Processing Manager should audit the area(s) monthly to ensure compliance with all manufacturer's instructions for use (IFUs).

What is high level disinfection? It is the process of killing most pathogenic microorganisms but not necessarily spores. High level disinfectants are used on devices that will be used on a patient (e.g. flexible endoscope).

When items are processed, we follow the guidelines as established by Dr. Earl Spaulding. This concept is known as Spaulding's Classifications which state;

- Critical devices enter sterile tissue; therefore they should be sterile when used
- Semi critical devices come in contact with intact mucous membranes; they require at least high level disinfection
- Non-critical devices come in contact with intact skin; only sanitization is recommended.

General Disinfection Guidelines

- All personnel performing high level disinfection should be thoroughly trained with competencies verified initially and annually. The training and competency assessments should be documented. Competency should be assessed for all employees performing these activities upon orientation, whenever products or processes are changed.
- Items must be thoroughly cleaned first. Follow the device manufacturer's instructions for use for cleaning including any special cleaning implements recommended. Thorough rinsing is also important because detergent residue can interfere with the action of the high level disinfectant. Follow the detergent manufacturer's instructions for use for concentration and water temperature. You should also always follow the disinfectant manufacturer's instructions for use, concentration, contact time, rinsing, etc.
- Temperature may affect efficacy (strength) of the disinfectant. If the disinfectant manufacturer recommends a specific temperature, use a thermometer to monitor the temperature of the disinfectant before and during the soak time. Document the temperature on your High Level Disinfection log form or other method of documentation.

- All surfaces of the device must make direct contact with the disinfectant. Make sure the container is large and deep enough for the device being disinfected. If air becomes entrapped within the device, the disinfectant will not be able to reach those surfaces. If the device has a lumen, use a syringe to pull the disinfectant into the lumen.
- Contact time, temperature and concentration of the chemical vary with products. Read the instructions for use to make sure you are using the chemical correctly. The use of a timer is recommended to ensure the correct exposure time is achieved.
- Read the product label for use and water restrictions (e.g. distilled water) for mixing (if applicable) and rinsing.
- All items processed with HLDs should be thoroughly rinsed, with strict adherence to the manufacturer's written IFU regarding the quantity of rinsing solution needed to reduce chemical residues. You need to know how many rinses are recommended. The rinse water should NOT be reused. All rinsing should take place in a separate, clean container or other clean sink.
- Read all the safety information including ventilation requirements and personal protective equipment (PPE) recommended. Some chemicals require special PPE.
- Always use chemicals in a well ventilated area.
- Read the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) to learn about how to handle a spill of the disinfectant and the recommended first aid steps. If a chemical is needed to neutralize the disinfectant, make sure it is readily available and staff have been in-serviced in its use.
- Make sure there is an emergency eyewash within 10 seconds travel time of where the disinfectant is being used. The eyewash should confirm to ANSI standards.
- HLD should NOT be performed in the Decontamination Area. There is a risk of re-contamination of the device. Perform the high level disinfection in a clean area.
- Always keep the high level disinfectant container covered to prevent evaporation and contamination from dust or other debris.

When using high level disinfectants, the user should know the shelf life and use life of the chemical. The shelf life is the date that is printed on the container. Always check this date before opening or using a disinfectant. Never use a disinfectant beyond the shelf life. The use life is how long the chemical can be used once it is activated or the container opened. The use life can be affected by soils, temperature and in-use dilution therefore, the instructions for use should always be followed.

The efficacy of the high level disinfectant should be tested before each use. It is recommended to use the test strip provided by the disinfectant manufacturer since these tend to be more accurate. Follow the test strip manufacturer's instructions for use carefully.

- Check the expiration date on the bottle before opening and before each use.
- Note the date the bottle was opened and the date the strips expire according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Perform the test in accordance with the instructions.
- Refer to the color reference chart provided to determine if the disinfectant solution is still usable.
- The Minimum effective Concentration (MEC) or Minimum Recommended Concentration (MRC) test results should be documented.

Some test strip manufacturers recommend Quality Assurance testing of their test strips each time a new bottle is opened. If recommended, follow the manufacturer's instructions how to perform this test. QA testing of the test strips should be documented in a separate log form.

All items that are high level disinfected should be protected from re-contamination and identified as having been HLD. Flexible endoscopes should have a tag or some other mechanism to identify the scope has been processed, the date and the initials of the person who processed the scope. All other devices (e.g. laryngoscope blades, TEE probes) should be protected from re-contamination and also identified as having been processed.

Monitoring the Process. For each high level disinfection process:

- Document/record all items processed (for flexible endoscopes there should be full traceability of the scope (using the serial #) to the patient.
- Document the cleaning and by whom
- Record all MEC and QA testing
- Document the total soak time as recommended by the manufacturer
- Document the temperature of the solution (if applicable)
- Note the expiration date of the solution on the container.

Keep all high level disinfection records with your other sterilization records. The length of time to retain these records is based upon the recommendations of your facility's attorney.

Summary:

Effective chemical disinfection requires

- thorough pre-cleaning of the device
- mixing of the chemical as directed
- proper concentration/temperature
- proper documentation of the process
- proper PPE
- proper ventilation/location
- strict compliance with the instructions for use

QUIZ – High Level Disinfection

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. _____ Any personal protective equipment can be used for high level disinfection.
2. _____ All high level disinfectants have the same exposure/soak time.
3. _____ Inadequate rinsing of detergent can impact on the disinfection process.
4. _____ When rinsing high level disinfectants, the rinse water can be reused three times.
5. _____ Flexible endoscopes must be fully traceable to the patient.
6. High level disinfection will destroy:
 - A. Only viruses.
 - B. All microorganisms.
 - C. Only mycobacteria.
 - D. All microorganisms except spores.
7. Which of the following devices would require high level disinfection?
 - A. Arthroscope
 - B. TEE probe
 - C. Trapeze
 - D. Cardiac instruments
8. Which of the following statements about high level disinfection is **TRUE**?
 - A. The disinfectant solution should be tested daily.
 - B. High level disinfection should take place in a clean area.
 - C. The quality of rinse water is determined by the facility.
 - D. High level disinfection should be located in the Decontamination Area.
9. Which of the following statements about high level disinfection is **TRUE**?
 - A. QA testing of test strips indicates if the HLD solution is still effective.
 - B. MEC testing should be performed whenever a new bottle of disinfectant is opened.
 - C. QA testing of test strips should be performed if recommended by the manufacturer.
 - D. The shelf life of a disinfectant is dependent upon the number of times it is used.
10. Emergency Eyewash stations should comply with which of the following standards?
 - A. EPA
 - B. CDC
 - C. AORN
 - D. ANSI

Key: 1.F 2. F 3.T 4.F 5.T 6.D 7.B 8.B 9.C 10.D

Certification Board for SPD 2015

CBSPD Board Vote

The CBSPD is holding two votes at this time to elect new members to our Board, for the Technician and Management positions. You will find the ballot in this newsletter, as well as on our website (www.sterileprocessing.org). The ballot may be mailed into our office, if you do not have Internet access. We have listed the nominees and their backgrounds.

Please note, you must only vote for a candidate that represents your job title (i.e. if you're a Technician, you can only vote for a Technician nominee etc., **AND you MUST be CBSPD certified** in order to vote.) Those who are voting are allowed to vote ONCE. **DUPLICATE BALLOTS WILL NOT BE COUNTED. The voting deadline is August 31, 2015.**

Management Nominees

Alvin Adams, Management (Active, 2/18), Little Rock, AR: 30 years SPD experience, with 26 of those years in management. I have permission from my employer to attend board meetings or represent the organization as needed.

Bakker, Jeanette, Management (Active, 11/17), Forrest Park, IL: I am the PM Supervisor at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights, Illinois. I have been working there for 36 years. 1979-1989 I was an Operating Room Technician, 1989-2008 I was a Sterile Processing Technician, 2008-Present PM Supervisor. I have a BS in Biology and minor in Chemistry. I hold 5 Certifications to include, Technician, Scope Reprocessor, Ambulatory Technician, Instrument Specialist and Management. I am on the Item Review Committee, CEU Committee, approve monthly articles for Health Care Purchasing News and locally in Chicago Board of Directors. Mandatory certification is very important to me.

Bohnhoff, Phillip, Supervisor (Active, 8/16), Rowlett, TX: Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Supervisor; 8 years of experience as an SPD Supervisor; Superior performance evaluations every year; Implemented, designed and managed a Top Rated SPD department at a new hospital, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall. He has made regular updates to his department to ensure it is the best of its kind. If there is any question in your mind that Phillip is perhaps the most dedicated SPD supervisor in the country, just speak with him. You will be as excited as he is, once you are done. He loves his job and tries to exceed expectations. If you would like to talk with Reps that visit Phillip's Department, they will tell you everything I have said and more.

Daniels, David, Management (Active, 5/19), Milan, TN: has both credentials for the Certified Sterile Processing Management and Certified Sterile Processing & Distribution Tech. David plays a vital role in our SPD. He teaches all of our new employees the CBSPD course when they are hired and also encourages them to take their certification. We now have 6 employees that are certified. As a manager, David also takes care of day to day opportunities that arise in our department. David is very serious about his

Elammari, Malinda, Management (Active, 11/19), Raleigh, NC: I would like to submit the following nomination on my behalf. With the understanding and consideration for the number of nominations being reviewed, I have compiled some key points that highlight my professional background, my commitment to the certification process, and my abilities and skills in sterile processing. Certified as CSPM, CSPDT, and CFER. I will be sitting for my Instrument Specialist exam in May 2015

- Surgical Tech for over 8 years, scrubbed all areas of surgery, from Open Heart to Outpatient, with main concentration on hearts and vascular. I utilize this knowledge to teach my techs what each instrument is used for and its importance, creating a connection between instrument and patient.

- Managed sterile processing departments in level 1 trauma center and facilities with 150 beds to 900 beds. Worked as Endoscopic Rep and OR liaison to build bridges between CPD and OR for a more cohesive environment.

- Participated in the management cut score for CBSPD in November 2014.

- Member of NCAHCSP- North Carolina Association for Hospital Central Service Professionals

- 80% of my current staff is CBSPD certified, and will be sitting for the Instrument Specialist exam in May and August 2015, despite an average of only 2 years in the career field.

- Actively helped prepare and educate over 20 staff and coworkers in the past 3 years for certifications through CBSPD. I believe that our commitment to certification has contributed to our high quality measures and hospital satisfaction.

- My team, known as the Contamination Killers, was nominated for Health Care Purchasing News SPD of the year for 2014

- I have partnered with the OR to create a curriculum for perioperative students as well as a co-education plan between departments. New OR staff spend time in CPD and new CPD staff spend time in the OR. This has proven to be a great learning tool for both sides.

- Quote from VP of Hospital David Coulter, "Our Central Sterile department routinely exceeds quality benchmarks and functions at a high level of performance. Malinda deserves much credit for this successful turnaround!"

- After a Joint Commission survey of CPD in 2012 a review meeting was held at the end of the day with management. It was reported to me that during that meeting Dr. Milazzo from Joint Commission told the VP of the hospital, "That Malinda you have in Central Processing, really knows her stuff."

- Infection Control calls on me to help educate and resolve issues in the hospital, sister hospitals and off site facilities with concern to best sterilization practices. They believe in my knowledge, skills and the outstanding information I provide them about Sterile Processing.

- Every year I arrange for vendor representatives from each company to in-service the staff on their trays. The vendors explain to the staff what the pieces in the trays are used for and the process of assembling and disassembling complicated items. The staff enjoys the ability to have hands on and in depth explanation of the trays.

- As a leader, I believe that there is no limit to professional development. I continuously attend at least one National Seminar a month. I encourage my staff to grow and be leaders so I share with them what I learn at the seminars. Example: I had each person complete a self-assessment questionnaire to determine their personality level. We then discussed as a group where everyone stood and how each personality affects work and communications style. Over the following days you could see everyone's personality change with more understanding and less tension towards each other.

- During the past two years I managed to assimilate my diverse employees into one team. We call them "Contamination Killers". I used education, accountability, and fun exercises to achieve this goal. I have created a unity in the staff that mutually supports each team member when they are down and celebrates group victories. Team members now help each other and look out for one another. Example: During a winter storm one of my techs volunteered to work a later shift so that he could pick up 3 of his teammates for work and give them a ride home. This tech was more experienced driving in winter weather conditions and his car was better equipped to handle the roads.

- Creativity is my best attribute and it plays a part in my management skills daily. Being creative allows me the ability to relate to others, figure out alternative solutions to issues, and make education fun. Examples: I wanted to educate my staff on what Joint Commission would be looking for when they audit our department. I divided each area of the department into sections like Assembly A and B. Each month the staff is assigned to a section, they are in charge of that section and making sure it meets all requirements. One tech is assigned as auditor and they walk around with the mock audit and grade each area. Result: This made each tech have a complete understanding of proper regulations and a sense of pride for the department. Example 2: I was informed that I had to create a safety committee in the department due to state law. I assigned a tech as permanent Safety Sheriff and every month a different tech is assigned as a Safety Agent. Each one wears a police badge with their titles on it and we perform a walkthrough of the department in search of any potential safety hazards. The safety Sheriff creates a report and assigns tasks to the agent and himself. Result: Our safety sheriff monitors the team to make sure they are following safety precautions and the team works with him to resolve any potential hazards before they become issues. As a result, we have had no safety issues in the last 7 months.

Marosi, Jason, Management (Active, 11/19), Point Pleasant Beach, NJ; I am writing to nominate myself for the Management & Technician representative position on the CBSPD board. I hold 2 certifications with the CBSPD CSPM AND CSPDT. I have 18 years experience in Spd/OR and have working many different states and have worked in a wide variety of sterile processing in hospitals and surgical centers. I currently work as a Director of Sterile Processing for Barnabas Health and also work as a consultant for Chobin and Associates. I think I will be an asset to the board and help Carrie out the mission and vision of the company. I also have the support from my company and would be allowed to attend all the board meetings.

Richardson, Marilyn, Supervisor (Active, 11/16) Marilyn Richardson has 20 plus year experience in sterile processing. Marilyn has gone from technician to supervisor to educator in the sterile processing field. Marilyn is passionate, has high standards and excellent work ethics regarding sterile processing. Marilyn understands and tries to teach the correct standards and policies to the process of sterile processing. Lisa Cate

Klarr, Erika, CSPM Management (Active, 11/17), Martins Ferry, OH; (recommended by Karen Swanson)

Objective To remain active and current within the profession of Sterile Processing by applying knowledge of practice, standards and related skill. To further gain knowledge by networking with peers and representing SPD managers on the CBSPD board for the good of the patient and the profession.

Work experience:

January 2012-Present

East Ohio Regional Hospital Martins Ferry, Ohio

Surgical Inventory Coordinator/Sterile Processing Manager

- Responsible for procuring, managing, and coordinating the supplies, materials, and equipment needed for Surgical Services. Responsible for verification of all charges as they relate to all surgical procedures. Oversee all activities and processes of the Sterile Processing department including sterilization, case carts and preference cards.

May 2010-January 2012

East Ohio Regional Hospital Martins Ferry, Ohio

Corporate Director of Sterile Processing Services

- Responsible for overseeing all activities and processes of Sterile Processing for two campuses.

February 1991-May 2010

East Ohio Regional Hospital Martins Ferry, Ohio

Instrument/lead Technician/SPD Supervisor

- Decontaminated, sterilized all surgical instruments. Maintained inventory necessary for sterile processing department. Progressed into Supervisory duties and supervised the department.

Certifications: November 2012 received Certification in Sterile Processing Management (CSPM)

Maintained Certification as a Supervisor since 1996 with CBSPD

Committees 2009-2015 CBSPD Item review committee

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Loveless, Latif, Management (Active, 5/20) Rock Hill, SC; I would like to take this opportunity to officially submit my name for nomination as a candidate for one of the open positions on the CBSPD Board of Directors. I have 17 years of experience in the field of sterile processing. I started as a technician and have progressed through the field over the years, gaining valuable experience with each new position and facility. I have independently instructed certification preparation courses for working sterile processing technicians and those who aspire to a career in sterile processing. Although I currently travel, I still teach whenever I get the opportunity as I enjoy bringing new professionals into the field. In my current position I travel the country as a consultant managing sterile processing departments. This experience has given me a greater understanding and appreciation for the challenges that we face as a profession. This has also allowed me to see how these challenges differ based on facility, region, and staff. I have also had the opportunity to travel to Europe to see how sterile processing differs from here in the United States. Above all, I have a passion for sterile processing and I would love to be a part of an organization that is able to affect the profession in a positive way and drive us forward. I believe that being a member of the CBSPD Board of Directors will afford me that opportunity and it is one that I eagerly look forward to. In the event that I am elected to a board position, I have assurances from my employer that I will be available to attend the annual board meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lane, Mary, Supervisor (Active 11/17), Bordenton, FL; I would like to take this opportunity to nominate an individual to be a member on the Board of Directors. I am the Director of Perioperative Services at Greenville Health System and I hired Mary Lane as the manager of our SPD department and boy did I hire a STAR!! Mary is the total package. She is first the patient advocate. Her career and interest in sterile processing began when her father was involved in a tragic accident and died of a hospital acquired infection. Mary decided sometime after her father's death to spend her time on earth trying to alleviate any other person from experiencing what she had been through. She is very service oriented and has a strong clinical background in sterile processing. She has taken a department that was broken and turned it into one with a focus on following best practice. Mary not only serves the main campus, which is a level 1 trauma center with 30 operating rooms, but assists our sister facilities in implementing best practice as well. Mary is well respected by our leadership team and has been asked to assist with other departments in the hospital to improve processes. A consultant from Joint Commission visited us in order to assist us in preparing for our visit and she was so impressed with Mary's knowledge, she asked Mary if she could utilize her as a resource when needed. Mary was recognized in the closing session that afternoon and the consultant shared with the GMH leaders we were very fortunate to have someone with such a wealth of knowledge to represent Greenville Health System. I support Mary in attending the annual meetings and would greatly appreciate your consideration for her to serve on the CBSPD Board of Direc-

Milner, Michelle, Manager (Active, 8/17), Abita Springs, LA; I am pleased to recommend Michelle Milner as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors with CBSPD. I had the pleasure of working with Michelle while I was the educator for three Central Processing Departments with UNC Hospitals. I am now retired. Michelle is very dedicated and knowledgeable to the world of Sterile Processing. She believes that education and certification are the pillars to build the foundation for the staff's engagement in their roles as Central Sterile Techs. She arranged in services for CEUs and the staff was able to attend educational seminars so they could maintain their certification. I know that she achieved 100% technician certification through CBSPD for the staff at her last assignment. Working with Michelle at UNC Hospitals was a great experience for me as well as the staff. She displayed excellent leadership skills through the development of the staff and organization of the department. She has excellent written and verbal communication skills and is very organized. You would be proud to have her as a member of your team. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. -Betty Twamley-

Paluck, Steven, Manager (Active, 5/18), St. Louis, MO; I have a great interest in becoming a member of the board for the CSPDM position. I have been certified as a manager for 7 years and held a certification for a CSPD tech prior to that. I have been in the field for 15 years and I have held my current position of manager for the Central Sterilization Department as well as the OR Supplies Management department at St. Anthony's Medical Center for almost 9 years. St. Anthony's is the third largest hospital in St. Louis with a level 2 trauma rating. We also are a center of excellence for stroke intervention, treatment and rehabilitation as well as a specialty center for cardiovascular services. Now that we have a certified stroke program we are aspiring to get our level 1 trauma within the next year or two. We have every service line including; Neurosurgery, Ortho-Spine, Cardiovascular, Vascular, Ortho Total Joint, Ortho Trauma, Arthroscopic, General, Robotics, GYN, ENT, Plastics, Bariatric, and Urology. I would like to be more involved with the CBSPD to infiltrate the Midwest a little more. At this time most of the hospitals in this region have their techs certified through IAHCSSM and I would like to make CBSPD a little more well-known and a more obtainable option for certification. I have become a reference for many of the area hospitals in the area, and to a couple of consultants to give my expertise in times where they are questioning current procedures for the departments they are working with. I have met with my director and she has approved any time that I may need off to attend any conferences, meetings, or educational seminars that may require my attendance.

Turmann, Renee, Management (Active, 11/19), Port Saint Lucie, FL; I nominate Renee Turmann. Jennifer Burrell
Renee Turmann has been dedicated to the Healthcare Industry for over 17 years and has been with IMS for 8 of those years. She has spent most of her time with IMS as part of the Education team and has made a positive impact on Sterile Processing Departments across the United States through education, training, and certification of SPD Professionals. Renee has a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration and holds the CBSPD certifications of CFER, CSPDT, and CSPDM. She was the master builder for the IMS Technician Certification Readiness Program and began teaching groups of about 20 students in one course. Today the program seats over 100 students, offers three separate courses and boasts a 92% pass rate. Renee moderates all Technician Readiness Courses, along with the Endoscopy Certification Readiness Course, which is almost ready to be made public and will be offered to IMS customers soon. Renee spends countless hours assisting students with certification related questions and clarification needs to ultimately ensure the success of her students. This dedication to ensure a students' success often means long days, but Renee would not have it any other way. Since inception, the IMS SPD Technician Certification Readiness Course has assisted over 600 students in obtaining their CBSPD Technician Certification or CSPDT.

Renee should be nominated for the vote mainly because she has been able to make such a huge impact on the "art" that is Sterile Processing and continues to shine a positive light on all related topics. She has raised morale in several departments through the Certification Readiness Program and continues to make that her goal. Renee is dedicated to raising awareness throughout the industry, regarding the correct standards and recommended practices that should be followed in SPD. She believes in delivering her message "directly to the source" in hopes that the biggest impact is felt and positive changes begin to develop resulting in a change of culture. Renee would bring her unique skill set and successes to the table in order to make a positive impact while serving the Board. She continues to promote the industry's certification mission and would do the same for the CBSPD if given this privileged seat on the Board of Directors.

Thank you for taking the time to consider Renee Turmann as a newly appointed member of the Board.

Technician Nominees

Banks, Tracy, Technician (Active, 4/18), Chicago, IL: none provided

Betti, Diane, Technician (Active, 11/15), West Springfield, MA: none provided

Carter, Markita, Technician (Active, 11/18), Tampa, FL: I have been in the sterile processing field for 19 years. I have been a Sterile Processing Team Leader for 11 years. I do have my certification in sterile processing through CBSPD.

Evans, Vanessa, Technician (Active, 8/19), Lexington, NC: Vanessa currently holds a valid BCSPD credential and would be an asset to your organization. I arrive at this conclusion based on a number of years working with Vanessa in a variety of capacities. First and foremost she is tenacious about detail which has been an asset for me in her current position with Wake Forest Baptist health as our chief instrument technologist. She graduated from Salem College with a degree in Business administration and marketing, degrees that may be useful as you popularize the importance of excellent training for those that care for instruments and whose expertise is crucial for patient safety and surgical outcomes. She writes and speaks well and is a guest columnist for a local newspaper. Combining her business acumen with her writing skills could well be helpful in spreading your message. She is a dog lover, border collies, and is involved in the local and state chapters celebrating the breed. She has become more interested in sterile processing and has become certified and wants to carry her interest to the next level through education and advocacy. I believe she would be an energetic asset to advance the cause of your organization.

French, Tracey, Technician (Active, 8/16), Burleson, TX: I have been involved in SPD in an educator role for 12 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. I have been directly involved in building a new department from scratch, which included workflow, equipment, department design and processes to be able to follow AAMI standards as best as possible. I have been an OR nurse for 21 years and can bring that aspect to the table as well. I am familiar with adult learning and can assist with writing questions, writing articles/studies for contact hours and sharing information with others. I would love to be used as a resource for others and share my knowledge of sterile processing. By being chosen for your Board of Directors, I would be able to accomplish these goals.

Funches, Lanfrey, Technician (Active, 10/16), Athens, GA: I currently work in two sterile reprocessing departments, and it amazes me how both departments share the same common goal but yet work so different. I've set on the Board over eight years again and never really got a chance to finish my term out, so I would like to recommit myself and learn from other Board members and bring my 20 years of experience to the table.

Giannelli, Kelly, Technician (Active, 5/20), Shorewood, IL: I would like to nominate Kelly Giannelli for this appointment.

Graves, Patricia, Technician (Active, 2/19), Chapel Hill, TN: I have worked at Baptist Ambulatory Surgery Center for fourteen years. I have worked at some of the major hospitals in Nashville Tn., Vanderbilt Hospital, also, St Thomas Hospital. I have gotten a lot of experience and a lot of work knowledge. I have made improvements in our facility that help all of our team members. I am proud of what I do. I try to stay current on events that may affect our work environment. I read magazine articles. I help my manager make policies for our center. I am a very conscientious worker. I try to do a good job every day. I would like to see the state of TN. make certification for Sterile Processing Technicians mandatory.

Hanna, Beshoy, Technician (Active, 5/16), Broadview Heights, OH: I worked at the Cleveland clinic for three years in the sterile dept. and also taught a class to those who are uncertified. I am a health science major with a minor in biology and a minor in linguistics. It would be my pleasure to serve on the board of directors; I have previous experience with that as well. I am fully committed and I will be able to make the annual meeting, if you would allow me this great opportunity, I would be honored.

Milner, Michelle, Technician (Active, 5/19), Abita Springs, LA; I am pleased to recommend Michelle Milner as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors with CBSPD. I had the pleasure of working with Michelle while I was the educator for three Central Processing Departments with UNC Hospitals. I am now retired. Michelle is very dedicated and knowledgeable to the world of Sterile Processing. She believes that education and certification are the pillars to build the foundation for the staff's engagement in their roles as Central Sterile Techs. She arranged in services for CEUs and the staff was able to attend educational seminars so they could maintain their certification. I know that she achieved 100% technician certification through CBSPD for the staff at her last assignment. Working with Michelle at UNC Hospitals was a great experience for me as well as the staff. She displayed excellent leadership skills through the development of the staff and organization of the department. She has excellent written and verbal communication skills and is very organized. You would be proud to have her as a member of your team. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. -Betty Twamley-

Uptagraw, Karla, Technician (Active, 11/19), Baraboo, WI; I would like to nominate myself for the, Board of Directors Position, that is currently being offered. I contribute to the industry from an educational approach in helping staff/employees become certified. I have developed a curriculum based on the CBSPD "The Basic of Sterile Processing" 5th Edition. I have incorporated ways for staff to understand the whole circle of Sterile Processing. A year of employment is required before testing; many employees still have questions on why and are in need of understanding of the whole process. I believe as I teach the CBSPD Curriculum, this gives an opportunity for questions on how they are performing their job, which they might not get a chance to ask, especially after training. It is important for comprehension of the Certification material so it can provide insight and critical thinking of why things are done, plus a Quality Assurance measurement. With the experience I have as an educator and my previous employment positions, I can bring many important elements to CBSPD, so I can help share the vision of Education for this growing career industry. I would also like to provide support to help gear employers to value the importance of offering this certification as a facility requirement and incorporate into the training process and competencies. I will be able to travel to board meetings, if I am nominated for the Position. I will again contact my Manager to assure I will be able to have time off and be able to travel before accepting the nomination.

OFFICIAL CBSPD BALLOT

TECHNICIAN & MANAGEMENT NOMINATIONS TO THE CBSPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WRITE IN A NAME

CANDIDATE MUST HOLD THE TECHNICIAN OR MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION WITH CBSPD TO QUALIFY!

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- Only official CBSPD ballots will be accepted.
- ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CBSPD OFFICE BY AUGUST 31, 2015.

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For important CBSPD announcements, go to
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To download anything from our site, including exam applications, re-cert packets and more, go to
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SPU only contracts with certified sterile processing managers who have a minimum of 15 years' experience in the profession. In addition, all educational materials are based on scientific data, recommended practices, regulations, etc. SPU educational materials are evidence-based and updated continually so you get the most current information. Here are the resources we have to help you:

FOR STERILE PROCESSING PERSONNEL IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES – TEXT-BOOKS, WORKBOOKS and on-line courses:

The Basics of Sterile Processing Textbook and Workbook (New 5th Edition!) This book was completely updated with new chapters and more photos.

The on-line Basics of Sterile Processing course has been completely updated with more information and modules to conform to the expanded FIFTH edition of The Basics of Sterile Processing. For sterile processing personnel working in an Ambulatory Surgery Center, **SPU offers an on-line Ambulatory Surgery Sterile Processing Technician course!**

For MANAGERS and SUPERVISORS – SPU offers the textbook, Management Basics for Sterile Processing, The Third Edition (2014). Chapter revised, updated and includes more information on safety, manufacturer's instructions, etc. Indicated for SPD Managers and Supervisors.

FOR EDUCATORS – The instructional CD in Power Point for the Basics of Sterile Processing, Fourth edition, has also been updated to facilitate teaching a Central Service/SPD course. The CD follows the course content for the FIFTH edition of The Basics of Sterile Processing. If you previously purchased a CD, you are eligible for an upgrade.

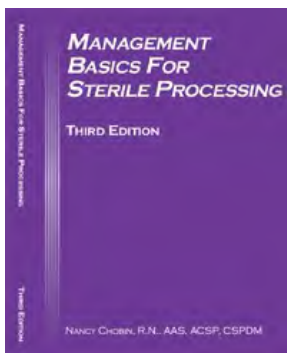
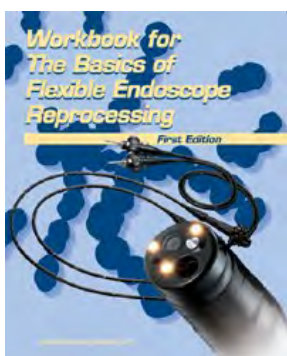
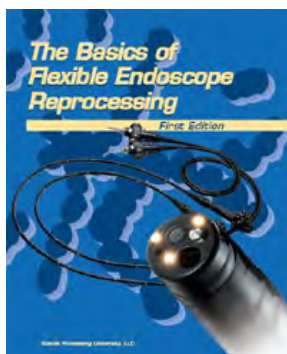
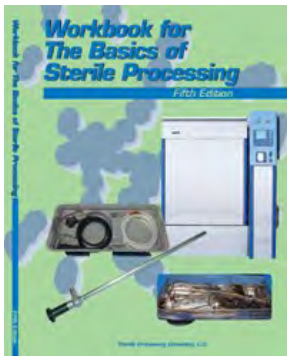
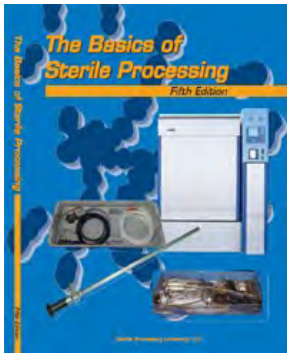
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CBSPD Certification Exam Stats
(Passing names listed at
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Technician: Total Sat for Exam = 5,238;
Total Passed = 3,383 (65%); Total Failed = 1,855 (35%)

Management: Total Sat for Exam = 149;
Total Passed = 101 (68%); Total Failed = 48 (32%)

Instrument Specialist: Total Sat for Exam = 70;
Total Passed = 64 (91%); Total Failed = 6 (9%)

Ambulatory Surgery: Total Sat for Exam = 103;
Total Passed = 60 (58%); Total Failed = 43 (42%)

GI Scope: Total Sat for Exam = 614;
Total Passed = 407 (66%); Total Failed = 207 (34%)

****Reminder to All Upcoming**
October/November 2015 Re-certs**

Why retake the exam when after working full time for 5 years, you only need 10 points of education per year to re-certify (except for Supervisors/Managers)?

If you became certified or re-certified in October 2010, you are due for re-certification in October 2015. Please have your completed re-certification packet with payment into the CBSPD office no later than 9/15/15.

If you became certified or re-certified in November 2010, you are due for re-certification in November 2015. Please have your completed re-certification packet with payment into the CBSPD office no later than 10/15/15.

The CBSPD e-mails and mails out re-certification packets 6 months before you are due to expire. If you have not received your packet yet, please contact our office to update your address and/or print one out from our downloads page at

www.sterileprocessing.org/download.htm