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August 30, 2024

**KAASC Fall Conference is coming soon!**

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

KAASC is a vital resource to professionals such as yourself because in addition to offering educational programs, members have the opportunity to meet with colleagues on a regular basis. KAASC provides important information concerning health care issues affecting ASCs. It prepares members to deal with state and local legislative issues.

The 2024 Annual KAASC Infection Control Certificate Program and Fall Clinical Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, **October 10-11, 2024.** Make plans to join us at the St. Joseph Medical Center, 1000 Carondelet Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, 64114 in the Alex George Auditorium. Parking signs for conference attendees will be posted on the date of the event.We have reserved a block of hotel rooms close to the conference. Attached is the hotel information. **Hotel Reservations need to be made NO LATER than September 23, 2024.** Please plan on making these arrangements as soon as possible to secure the block pricing.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEARS FALL CONFERENCE

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

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

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Leisa or myself. We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 KAASC INFECTION CONTROL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AND FALL CLINICAL CONFERENCE.

Sincerely,

Rosanna Mitchell, KAASC President

[rmitchell@AU-PA.com](mailto:rmitchell@AU-PA.com)

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Description automatically generated**2024 KAASC INFECTION CONTROL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AND FALL CLINICAL CONFERENCE**

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

**Risk Management 101 – Cecilia Sherraden, BSN, RN, Program Manager,**

**Risk Management, Kansas Department of Health and Environment**

Cecilia is the Program Manager of Risk Management for KDHE. Cecilia was previously a Health Facility Surveyor for KDHE from 1997 to 2002. She returned to KDHE as an Assistant Program Manager in 2023 before accepting the Program Manager position in August 2023. Cecilia received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Kansas Newman College. Before working for KDHE, she was the Regulatory Affairs Program Manager for Centura Health. She has also held the positions of Infection Preventionist, Quality Improvement, and Risk Management in the hospital setting. Cecilia is a member of KARQM. Cecilia lives in Garden City with her husband and two fur babies. She enjoys traveling to see the grandkids and great grandkids.

**Overview “What to Expect” for State Survey-Ramona Scott, RN**

Ramona Scott is program manager for Ambulatory Surgery Centers for Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Facilities and Licensing. She is a Registered nurse with over 25 years of experience with 15 years being in ASCs as clinical director. She has been through 5 CMS surveys. She has opened a new surgery center from stocking with equipment and supplies to developing policies to becoming accredited by accrediting organization with deemed status. Now she is the one surveying ASCs, answering questions that the ASCs have, reviewing the deficiencies and plan of corrections. She is passionate about helping ASCs improve patient care and has understanding from working on the other end.

**Physician Licensing & Wellness – Cameron Charity, Senior Administrative Assistant, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts**

Cameron is the Senior Administrative Assistant for the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts.

**Patient Documentation: The Nurses Role – Debra Stinchcomb**

**Senior Consultant**

MBA, BSN, RN, CASC

Debra has 43 years of health care experience including development, clinical, administrative, operations and sales.  The last 26 years have been focused exclusively in the ASC industry with a particular emphasis on multi-specialty centers. Previous positions held include ASC Administrator, Regional Vice President, and Director of Operations Preparations.  Her responsibilities have included budget development/management, revenue/expense management, contract negotiation, licensing/certification/accreditation compliance, marketing, risk management, quality improvement and benchmarking.

Debra is a Registered Nurse. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Arizona, Tucson, and her MBA from California Coast University. She is a founder, past President member of the Arkansas Ambulatory Surgery Association and has served nationally as a past board member of FASA and past board member of ASC Association. She received her CASC credential in 2002. Debra has been an AAAHC surveyor and has served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Joint Commission Ambulatory Professional and Technical Advisory Committee. She currently serves as President of BASC, Board of Ambulatory Surgery Certification which administers the CASC and CAIP. Debra is a frequent speaker at corporate, state and national meetings.

**Federal Legislative and Regulatory Updates – Stephen Abresch, ASCA**

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

**Point of Use Treatment: Where Successful Processing Begins**

**Delores O’Connell**

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

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

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

**Strategies for Managing Mental, Emotional and Physical Stress among Healthcare Workers – Katrena Greene, VP of Board of Directors, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Johnson County Division**

Katrina Greene fulfills her passion every day to “help leaders become great leaders in healthcare.”

For more than 28 years, Katrina has worked in leadership and organizational development, infusing energy and joy into her work as a speaker, facilitator and coach to leaders in various industries. Her personal passion is to educate wellbeing and self-care in healthcare and was recently appointed to Vice President on the Board of Directors for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, with NAMI Johnson County.

Katrina worked for HCA Healthcare, Veterans Administration, banking industry and government consulting. A Veteran herself, she served in the US Navy and earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Katrina and her family live in Overland Park, Kansas. And together, they love enjoying live music and adventurous travel.

**Cyber Security, Michael Meis, MBA, CCSP, CISSP, CISM, QTE**

**Cyber Program Manager – Kansas City Operations**

A renowned cybersecurity leader, Michael brings over 15 years guiding major digital and governance transformations across government, financial services, and healthcare sectors.

Currently, as ACISO for The University of Kansas Health System, Michael leads their security program safeguarding critical systems and sensitive data that underpin patient care. His team takes an intelligence-driven, risk-based approach balanced between accessibility and vigilant protection.

Previously, Michael rebuilt the GRC program for H&R Block centered around quantifying cyber risk exposure to enable data-backed decisions. And in government consulting, he helped lead the consolidation of 29 sub-agencies into a unified security organization – the largest federal convergence of infosec services.

Outside his current role Michael founded Kelevra, where he assists diverse businesses in developing security strategies tightly aligned to drive growth and mitigate risk.

With two graduate degrees and nine certifications alongside his military service, Michael is a sought-after speaker and trusted advisor who thrives when leading complex modernizations. His blend of leadership prowess, technical expertise, and business acumen generates immense value for every organization he touches.

**Personal Branding to Help YOU Get Ahead; Treat People the Way THEY Want to be Treated:**

**Identifying the Four Personality Styles to Help Interact Better with Peers, Managers and Patients -**

**Katie Mullen, MMS Consulting**

Katie Mullen is the founder of MMS Consulting, which specializes in sales training and consulting, and has helped Fortune 500 companies from all over the country increase sales, improve performance, and create more trust with customers. MMS Consulting was founded on a several year research project on the topic of how customers want to be treated. Hundreds of customers were interviewed on pet peeves, likes, dislikes, etc, and the answers were aggregated into data points that are now used during the training and consulting offered by MMS Consulting.

Prior to founding MMS, Katie Mullen spent fifteen years selling into multiple different industries, including medical device, online media, fundraising, and event planning. Katie is the host of the Golden Rule of Selling podcast and the author of The Sales Tightrope: A Research-Based Guide to Not Annoying Customers and Still Being a Top Performer.

Katie graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Kansas in 2002, with a degree in Business Administration.

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## Registration Fee: On/Before September 30, 2024 KAASC Member $200 Non-member $300

**If your ASC has more than one person attending, the additional attendees receive a $50 discount.**

**Late Registration: After September 30, 2024, please add $50 for each attendee registration. Attendee registration fees are non-refundable.**

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

KAASC Infection Control Conference

**SpringHill Suites**

**Overland Park Leawood**

**4081 Indian Creek Parkway, Overland Park, KS 66207**

**913-340-7270**

Booking Link: [**Book your group rate for KAASC**](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1724423674868&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true)  (highlight, right click, open hyperlink)

Group Name: KAASC

Hotel Group Rate: October 9-10, 2024

*Please reserve early as blocks will fill up quickly. Final day to reserve a room at KAASC rate is September 23, 2024.*