

CSAO Theta Chapter Newsletter

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MDRD Technician Education Opportunities

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Next OTN Education Session:

February 4, 2015 –Instrument Staining

Speaker: Michelle Bellefeuille, RN, CMDRT

Event #36337740 -send your site and system number to
landers@ntl.sympatico.ca

CSAO Theta Chapter MDRT Classroom Course

Registration deadline: March 6, 2015

Classroom Course by OTN: May 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2015

Location: Being held by Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) with host site location: Timmins, along with OTN remote site locations: Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie, Bracebridge and Orillia

CSAO Theta Chapter MDRT Recertification Course

Registration deadline: February 5, 2015

Exam date: within 3 months of invigilator receiving course materials & exam

Price includes your 2014/2015 membership fee

Message from the President

A warm welcome to all of our new and returning members. The Theta chapter now has 129 members and is growing, thanks to you spreading the word!

2014/2015 is the year to discuss our CSAO constitution. The CSAO operates under this set of bylaws to provide structure and maintain the integrity of the association. The constitution is reviewed every 2 years and we look to the membership for suggestions for possible changes. Each of you is invited to read the constitution (online at the CSAO website) and propose changes you would like to see. Each member of the CSAO is encouraged to vote at the general membership meeting (being held by OTN May 21, 2015 @5:00p.m.) on whether or not to accept the proposed changes. At our most recent OTN education session, we discussed a list of 22 proposed changes that have been put forward by members. This list will be forwarded to the provincial executive for discussion and inclusion in the voting process. We strongly encourage all Theta chapter members to take the time to review all of the proposed changes and vote for what you think will allow the association to not only operate, but flourish.

If you would like to propose a change, the form can also be found on the website. It must be submitted to the CSAO office by Jan 16, 2015 or will not be accepted.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and for the New Year!

Jeffery Phelps

*Theta chapter news –
fresh and exciting!!*

Technician Talk

Q – Is there anything new out there for monitoring extended cycles?

A – The revised CSA standard Z314.3-14 now suggests 4 extended cycles (2 pre-vac and 2 gravity). The prevac cycles suggested are 270°F for 10 min & 270°F for 20 minutes. Work is going on with manufacturers for devices requiring extended cycles to either validate their device for a standard 4 min cycle or for one of the above extended cycles. All extended cycles must be monitored with a PCD that is designed for extended cycles. Check the IFU for your BI to see if they are validated to monitor the extended cycles you use. Remember, the indicator inside the tray also needs to be validated for use with an extended cycle.

Quality Assurance:

Yikes! What is it??????

See our Quality Assurance Corner!

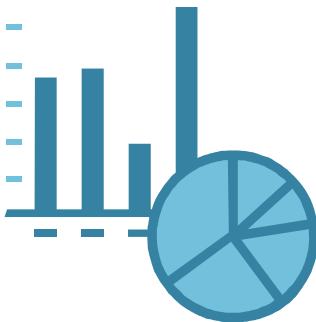
Quality Assurance Corner

Q - What do we do with the difficult to clean devices we see every day? Does anyone out there know about them?

A - There is a document available on the CSAO website entitled: Medical Devices Reprocessing Concerns and Recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Panel on Reprocessing of Medical Devices. This document was published in 2006, so, while it is relatively recent, may not include every problem device out there. The document lists problem devices, whether a single use devices is available to replace it, the reprocessing concerns about the device and recommendations on what to do about the device.

As always, follow the device manufacturer’s IFU for reprocessing to ensure the devices is as clean/sterile as possible. If you have a problem device, register a complaint with the vendor, send the device to them for assessment, ask for written direction from them to obtain optimal cleaning, keep records of the correspondence with the vendor, and lastly, if possible, don’t purchase it. Not selling a device will motivate a vendor to fix the issue. If all else fails and you cannot return it, bring the device to your reprocessing committee for review and probable removal from service. Your reprocessing committee will act on behalf of what is best for patient care.

Just remember, you are not alone with a problem device. There is help out there!



What’s ‘bugging you’???
Ask your question here
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Question Period

Welcome to flu and cold season!! Remember, the best way to prevent getting a cold or the flu is frequent hand washing. It is critical in an MDRD to wash your hands about a zillion times a day. Wash your hands at least:

- >when entering/leaving department
- >before/after eating
- >before/after using the bathroom
- >after coughing/sneezing/wiping nose/touching face
- >during and after removing PPE
- >after picking something up from floor and sending back to decontam
- >when visible soiled
- >and for any other potential contamination

Reprocessing Industry News

CSA STANDARDS

Z314.3-14 Effective Sterilization in Health Care Settings by the Steam Process is now available for purchase at the CSA website.

Z314.8-14 Decontamination of Reusable Medical Devices is now available for purchase at the CSA website.

Public Review will occur in December of the following Standards; If you wish to receive the link to comment on these documents email landers@ntl.sympatico.ca

CSA Z314.14 Packaging

CSA Z314.15 Storage, transportation and distribution of single use and reusable medical devices

CSA Z314.10.1 Selection of Gowns, Personnel Protective Equipment and Drapes

CSA Z314.10.2 Laundering, Maintenance & Preparation of Reusable Gowns, Drapes & Wrappers

PIDAC (Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committee) Best Practices Documents available:

>Best Practices Hand Hygiene 2014

>Best Practices Cleaning Disinfection and Sterilization of Medical Devices 2013

>Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning and more – all links are available on the CSAO website.

Upcoming Education and Events



Education is something that works for you. Invest wisely and watch it grow!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 21, 2015 @ 1700 – 1830 hrs – by OTN event #40111110 – Book your site by Dec 1 and send your site/system information to Colleen Landers at landers@ntl.sympatico.ca

CSAO Membership

Renewal is due now for the 2014/2015 year starting June 1, 2014. Please get your membership renewed or become a member today. Our current membership is at 129.

Encourage your co-workers to attend the Theta Chapter Education Day in North Bay, April 18 2015

Topics include:

Steam Sterilization

Packaging Challenges

Instrument inspection – hands on workshop

OR/MDRD relationship

Care of Flexible Endoscopes

We will have many vendors present with the latest wares for an MDRD.

Get involved and make our membership strong, help make the world of Medical Device Reprocessing stand out amongst our fellow hospital workers. Visit our website: www.csaonet.net

CSAO Provincial Conference – NOW IN PLANNING STAGES

Theme: TBA

Date: TBA

Double Tree by Hilton, Toronto

Upcoming Education and Events

OTN Education and Theta Chapter meetings:

February 4, 2015 1330-1500hrs - Sign in at 1315 hrs

Instrument Staining presented by Michelle Bellefeuille, RN, CMDRT

**Important – Please email Colleen Landers with your OTN site number and system number and book your room for the four education sessions early to be registered for the limited number of sites available.

CSAO Theta Chapter Education Day: April 18, 2015

Location: Best Western in North Bay, Ontario

Topics:

Steam Sterilization – Rick Bauer from 3M

Packaging Challenges – Tammy Bennardo, CMDRT

Instrumentation Inspection – hands on workshop – Southmedic

OR/MDRD relations – Michelle Bellefeuille, RN, CMDRT

Care of Flexible Endoscopes – Jane Smallwood from Olympus

This is a fun and educational way to meet other members and the vendors who educate us, support us and provide us with the products we use every day in our field of expertise.

Registration: Theta chapter members registration \$30.00 for Technicians, \$40.00 for Managers. Non- members or other chapter members \$70.00. Upon attendance Theta Chapter members from 2014/2015 will receive their 2015-2016 CSAO memberships. This is another way the Theta Chapter is giving back to the members.

We need to get 50 applicants by April 1st or this event will be cancelled so register early as 20 vendors will attend. Registrations will be taken until April 1 2015.

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