



Sick Kids MDR Education day

On Saturday, November 9, 2019 the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto hosted an “All-In” Campaign fundraiser with full day education on Medical Device Reprocessing. As all were invited, the ETA Chapter decided to also plan for the group to attend. Many amazing speakers from different vendors were invited to present topics that included reprocessing and infection control standards, complex medical devices used in health care, data analytics and instrument tracking and innovations. The vendor speakers with their expertise in tow, presented standards of practice, new techniques, new devices to the group which included many MDRAO ETA chapter members. In total over 180 delegates were in attendance.

Ian Pequegnat from Steris presented decontamination of medical devices techniques focusing on cross contamination prevention, proper prep and pack of items and trays and of course sterilization.

Kim Thompson from Karl Storz presented the new laryngeal blade video system and invited some delegates to experience hands on, on how to intubate the mannequin. It was also reviewed in what to look for in reprocessing these devices.

Chris Avramidis from Stryker brought in the new cordless power tools, different kinds of saws and drills. Some audience also experienced holding the tools, learned to remove and attach blades and drill bits, and how to install the batteries.

Christopher Stout from ASP presented the low temperature Sterrad systems 100S, the NX and the 100NX. Most MDRDs in the GTA area uses their sterilizers.

Joel Poirier from AMT Surgical spoke about endoscope handling and repair, showed how the flexible and rigid scopes works and described the different parts and common quality assurance repair details.

Reuben Subil from Sick Kids presented some medical device reprocessing and utilization reports that you can pull from the instrument tracking system using advanced Business Intelligence applications.

Andy Camara and Steve Bonney from Getinge presented their T-Doc instrument tracking system.

After all the presentations, the ETA chapter planned to meet to discuss the upcoming events, updates from the Provincial executives but due to time limitations and some of the executives having to leave early we were not able to convene.

In the end, the hospital hosted a tour of the MDR department. Over 90 delegates participated in the tour.

It was a very successful and educational event that had positive reviews. It was a great chance to network with professionals and students in the MDR field. Many members already expressed their interest, asking to let them know when the next one will take place.

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