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"It's okay to be lucky, but it's not okay to pass off luck as skill." -Paul DePodesta, Cleveland Brown

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Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

-Seneca



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LUCK VS. SKILL

Skill is the ability to fire knowledge readily in performance and execution. We know how to do something, and when the moment comes, we can do it. **Luck** has three specific features — it works for an individual and/or organization, it can be good or bad, and it's reasonable to expect something else could have happened.

When it comes to sterile processing or just life in the surgical unit we need to have skill and we hope for the luck of an uneventful day. It shouldn't be the other way around. Patients and coworkers are depending on us each day to build the skills necessary to preform our jobs to the highest level possible. Competency comes to mind as a way to prove our skills. Another avenue that can be pursued is certification.

Being a new technician to the field you often relay on luck as you build skills. Eventually, those skills will be built, and you need luck less to be on your side. That neuro tray sitting there everyday waiting to be picked up. Don't relay on luck that your supervisor does not chose you to complete it. Take initiative and learn it. Don't pass up an opportunity to learn it when the environment around you is calm. You never want to face the moment when luck runs dry and you're faced with a situation you lack skill for while others are counting on you.

This month start taking calculated risks to tackle those skills you have yet to master.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

First of all, I would like to say Thank You to Lindsay Brown for all the hard work you did to make the workshop successful. This helped our chapter get the word out about us. Another big thank you to all of the board and committees' members. You are all a wonderful team and I'm glad to be a part.

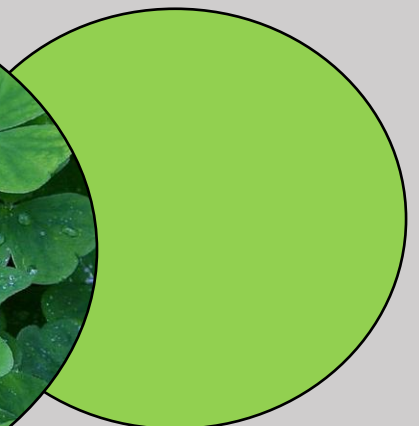
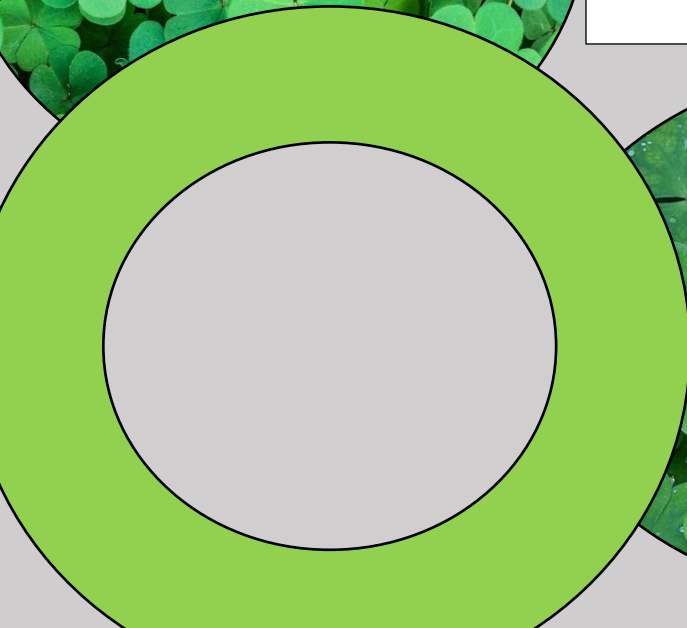
Our world is changing as we know it, are we ready for it?

After last year and all the firsts, we have seen, makes us wonder what's next?

It's still good practice to continue with the masks and hand sanitizer till we can get over this.

Sincerely,

Lori Budtke



They Have All My Data, Working That to Your Career Advantage

By Leslie Kronstedt

Everything that we do can be documented into numbers or information called data. As a sterilization technician, it is hard to see how data can help us in our working environment. Most of us have noticed the department leadership keeping track of how many pans we process in a shift or how many heart pans we have compared to how many are left on the shelf. This data collection is used to justify the number of technicians working a shift, improve processes, and ultimately reduce waste. There have been advances in how this data is now collected in the modern sterile processing department. It's time to make all that data work for you.

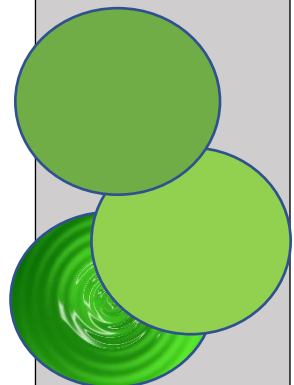
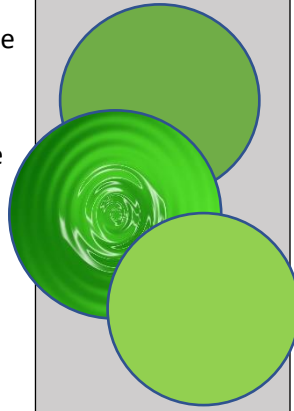
In the last few years, more departments have adopted instrument management systems that manage your instruments and improve patient care. These systems hold the data for every instrument pan that your facility uses; it keeps track of where those pans are located. Furthermore, it keeps track of each user that is registered in the system using the information provided. The instrument management systems are advanced, keeping track of the volume of pans used on Tuesday compared to any other day of the week. All of this data boils down to the work you do as a technician each day—the difference you make in your organization working as a team.

Many companies will say their "employees are our greatest asset." It is true. Without employees, everything would come to a complete halt. On the other hand, it is in the interest of leadership to give employees the knowledge to help improve the working environment and, in return, reduce waste. Waste depletes resources, squanders time, and ultimately reduces the bottom line of profitability. That is right, the sterile processing department is profitable, and how well its functions will impact each department's profitability that depends upon it.

Imagine each time that you're at the table counting, inspecting, and putting a set together; you are using that instrument management system to do your job. That system is also collecting your data. Data is a tool for continuous improvement. How long did it take for you to complete each pan you processed during a shift? How does that time differ depending on the type of pan? While it is not a race to get through pans as fast as possible because the quality is critical, it can identify your efficiencies and your opportunities for personal growth. Everyone wants to achieve personal growth in their career. Imagine that annual review more often? Time for leadership to set, measure, and identify your successes. Data can guide you on what you are doing well and what needs further performance development.

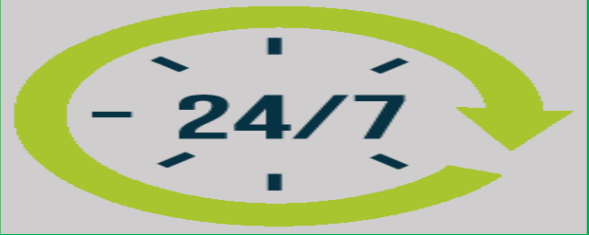
Not only does data provide performance improvement it also offers risk minimization. Take the data available to the next level for leadership opportunities. Certain people have strengths in various areas of the department. When a crisis occurs, knowing who is strong in what area and what products the OR will need, and where they are at-will save lives. When things are not dire, data is perfect for demand forecasting leading to improved business planning. Data allows leadership the benefit of faster and better information to the team base. Information to base decisions and judgment.

Where to begin using data? Start with a question. What are your three most significant pain points? Identify metrics that would lead to success. Effectively use the available data by presenting visualizations and dashboards. Turning data into insights will launch you to the next level of efficiency and more value for your time.





OPEN



DID YOU KNOW?

Our Spring workshop was recorded live on Saturday, March 27th. Did you miss it? That is not a problem! The entire recorded virtual conference will be available to watch on-demand for the next three months following the live recording. That gives you until June 2021 to watch the entire conference.

Do I have to watch the entire conference in one sitting?

The conference does not need to be watched in one setting. It can be broken up into as many breaks as needed until your able to finish the entire presentation. Registration is now open. You will be sent an email to access the conference. Click the link and it will recall exactly where you left off each time.

How do I get my certification?

The platform will record your attendance. When you have finished the last presenter's presentation you will be prompted to complete a questioner. Once your responses are recorded about each presenter you will have a PDF of your certification populate. Print or save the file to your computer.



Collaborating with help from Beyond Clean

WWCI'S SPRING WORKSHOP BROADCASTING GLOBALLY

The WWCI board prompted by IAHCSSMM's move of the national conference had decided to collaborate with Beyond Clean. Beyond Clean offered the exclusive ON24 platform that drives engagement, captivating live experiences that are branded and completely customizable to our logo and design.

One of the best features of the ON24 platform is the ability to ask questions in real time to the presenter. The platform offers polling, live chats, and many more functions to keep the audience engaged with the presenter.

The ability to drive engagement and insights even after the live event ends with on-demand webinar experiences that remain fully interactive. Our 12th annual spring workshop was as memorable as past workshops. Our Virtual Conference is still available on-demand until June. If you have not check it out today before it is gone.



UPCOMING 2021 CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Meeting – June 5th– Jim Falls, Wisconsin -Karen Gont's -Jim Falls – outdoor meeting-in-person

Chapter Meeting – August – Date TBA – Marshfield Medical Center -Weston

National Conference –October 9-11 or October 12 - 14, 2021 Columbus OH (two dates for social distancing)

Chapter Meeting –October 21st- Coloma Hotel – in-person

Board & Chairperson Retreat 2021 –October 22nd and 23rd, 2021 – Coloma, Wisconsin

Chapter Meeting – December - Gundersen Whitehall (upon approval)



The AAMI committee has an open chairperson needing to be filled. Mentoring is available! If you are interested or have any question about this opportunity please contact the chapter email at Westernwi09@gmail.com. Thanks!

MEMBER NEW CERTIFICATIONS

No new certifications at this time

The pursuit and achievement of certifications helps technicians follow best practices and stay ahead of the technology curve. Certified professionals truly demonstrate a commitment to education, development, and to the profession. Congratulations!

IAHCMM CURRENTLY OFFERS FIVE
(5) CERTIFICATIONS

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SKILL VS. LUCK WORD SEARCH

Word Search

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accomplishment	skillfulness	competency	unforeseen
technique	occurrence	accident	karma
skill	shot	Memory	risk
specialty	fortune	luck	fate

Got to Nourish to Flourish

Lucky Mint Schnapps Shakes

Prep Time
5 minutes

Total Time
5 minutes

2 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 pint vanilla ice cream or 2 cups
- ¼ peppermint schnapps
- ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 to 4 drops green liquid food coloring
- 2 mint sprigs



A grown-up milkshake, this pale green delight is perfect as a mid-day treat or after-dinner dessert. It's only as good as the ice cream that goes into it, so splurge on a really high-quality one.

Enjoy the
little
THINGS



Instructions

Blend the ice cream, peppermint schnapps, vanilla and food coloring in a blender until smooth. Pour into two serving glasses and garnish each with a mint sprig. Enjoy!

2021 Election Results

During our March chapter meeting the election results were read on behalf of the nomination committee. Three of the four positions had one person each and the fourth is open.

Results are:

President Elect - Leslie Kronstedt with 14 votes.

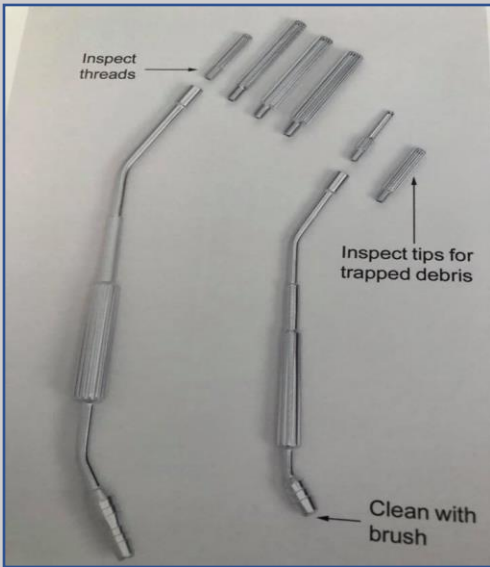
Secretary – Lori Copper with 14 votes.

1 year Board Member - Nancy Hammes with 14 votes.

2 year Board Member was not accepted by anyone so is currently open.



What is that Instrument?



Did you know?

Intra-cardiac suction tube, 11 1/2", angled 135°, 2-4 interchangeable tips.

Costs around \$594.00 and up.

Skill vs. Luck Word Search - Answer

Word Search



accomplishment	skillfulness	competency	unforeseen
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