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NYSACSP *Newsletter*

June 17, 2004 – New Jersey passes law mandating CS State Certification.

New Jersey has officially become the first state in the nation to mandate certification of central service professionals.

The law, approved by the New Jersey Healthcare Advisory Board on June 17, 2004, was the culmination of years of dedication and hard fought efforts led by Anthony T. Monaco, coordinator for New Jersey's Department of Health & Senior Services. Monaco has been committed to validating the sterile processing profession and recognizing its critical role in the delivery of quality patient care – efforts that proved instrumental in getting the much-anticipated proposal signed into law.

"It took three years, but it has finally been made official," he said. "This law will help legitimize the profession by recognizing the critical role CS professionals play in patient care and ensuring that these individuals obtain certification that will help them perform their jobs [more effectively]."

Under the new law, existing CS technicians will have five years to become certified, and new hires will have three years. Those in the ambulatory care setting will have two years to complete the requirement. The law stipulates that sterile processing managers must become certified immediately.

"There will be no lag time for managers. We want them to take the lead on this and in order to do

so, they must be certified," Monaco added.



FALL EVENTS



National Healthcare Central Service Week October 10-16

Make a point to recognize your staff in some way during this week!

Natalie Lind lists 26 ways to show your staff they are important. Check out: <http://www.e-cspd.com/pages/18/index.htm>

You are the professionals that make a difference everyday in the delivery of Quality Healthcare. You utilize the behind the scenes method of Patient care.



CEU Options / Opportunities

YOU CAN GET CEUS FOR ATTENDING:

-Your monthly/weekly staff meetings as long as there is an educational component.

-Inservices on new equipment count, updates on new equipment, annual review of equipment operations, and policy and procedure review, etc... Just apply!

-Infection Control Magazine

-Call your manufacturer's, they offer programs in your facility

-3M, ASP, iceinstitute.com also have inservices

-Check with your local chapter, they offer educational programs

Opportunities to acquire CEUs are abundant if you care to search them out. They are also free in many

instances. A new website hosted by Natalie Lind offers great reading and free CEUs for completing an online educational program. Her new website is:

www.e-cspd.com Check it out!

Contact Information:

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For CS Technical Questions you can email the experts at:

Experts@e-CSPD.com



National Certification Information

Editor's Note: Reprinted Continuously

Technicians may seek certification through two National Associations



The International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management's

website provides information about CS related issues as well as educational materials and opportunities to network with other sterile processing professionals through the online "Forum". Certification information is available through the site. www.iahcsmm.com

(800) 962-8274

Fax: (312) 440-9474

Postal Address:

213 W. Institute Place, Suite 307, Chicago, IL 60610

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Website

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IAHCSMM has two options techs may pursue; Technicians may purchase the Purdue University Program or they may purchase the "Boxed" program directly from IAHCSMM. The IAHCSMM course includes the workbook and the textbook for studying. For further information:

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Contact Melody Traversi,
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October 21: Annual Seminar and
Vendor Exhibits 8:00am – 4:00pm
Milleridge Inn Cottage
Christa Walsh: 631-351-2315

October 31 –IAHCSMM Fall
MeetingNovember 3:
Boston, Mass. IAHCSMM
Headquarters: 1- 800-962-8274

November 17: Educational
Meeting – 5:30pm
JT Mather Hospital
Evelyn Baez: 631-473-1320, ext:
4156

December 4:Holiday Party –
8:00pm Colonial Springs Golf
Course Restaurant, Farmingdale
Robert Vespe: 646-372-2645

New York City Association

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The next meeting of the CNYCSP
is on the 11th of November @
Marley Education Center, Crouse
Hospital, Syracuse, NY. From
10:00AM-12:00 Noon. The room
will be announced at the door.
Come one, come all! And
welcome!
Thanks,
B.C.Carr Pres. CNYCSP

The American Society of Healthcare Central Service Professionals Website

...has opportunities and options for
certification and CEUs. The
American Society for Healthcare
Central Service Professionals is
located in Chicago Illinois. Office
hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm,
Central Standard Time, Monday
through Friday.

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ASHCSP's Website:
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ASHCSP offers a workbook and
textbook to study to take the
certification exam through:

Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD) **www.sterileprocessing.org**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday,
8:30am - 4:30pm Eastern Time
Phone: 1-800-555-9765 or 908-788-
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Flemington, NJ 08822
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NY Chapter News & Events

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NENYCHCSP Albany & Upstate

- Meet every three months on the second Wednesday
- *Quarterly meetings*

The NENYCHCSP is planning a technician program for the 1st weekend in October (2nd) at St. Peter's hospital.

NENYCHCSP is developing a Training Program for Central Service Processing Techs. A committee was set up at their September meeting consisting of CLAY LANDRY, SARATOGA HOSPITAL
GLORIA LINDSEY, GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL
FAITH STOKES, ST PETERS HOSPITAL
BONNIE INGHAM, ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER.
More to come in the near future.

NENYCHCSP had 5 of it's members attend the ASHCSP annual conference in Orlando.

Contact Carolyn Stufflebeam @ 518-271-3412

Western NY Association of Central Service Professionals

Meetings take place the third Wednesday of every other month starting in January. For more information contact: Sheri Weisansal at 716- 859-3705

Location: Buffalo General Hospital, 100 main St. Buffalo, NY Room to be announced.

Ca ll 716- 859-3705 with questions.

Certification Update

NYSACSP Working for you!

The NYSACSP Board of Directors met via conference call on September 8, 2004 to discuss our next steps in moving forward to achieve mandatory certification.

On July 28, 2004, Dr. Antonia Novello's, (NYS Healthcare Commissioner), office declined our invitation to attend and speak at our 2005 Educational Conference. However, the BOD made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Dennis Whalen, NYS Deputy Commissioner (Dr. Novello's Assistant) making him aware of who we are and inviting him to speak in her absent.

Once we have received an audience, the Administrative Team will meet in Albany along with Tony Monaco, Coordinator for the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services to demonstrate our dedication and efforts toward mandatory certification.

We are currently collecting data and or establishing a survey to gather valuable data required to present at the State Level.

- * Identify Central Service Managers commitment regarding mandatory certification
- * Identify percentage of Central Service Directors, Managers and Supervisors that are presently certified either through IAHCSSM or ASHCSP
- * Ensure that training / education programs are establish and available for staff to obtain certification

Wilhelmina Jones, President, NYSACSP

~Stay tuned for more news from the NYSACSP~

Scheduled meetings:

Oct. 13th 9 AM Tele. Conf.

Nov. 1st, Full Board Tele. Conf.

Nov. 13th, E-Board In NF (Site)

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR PROFESSION?

Attend your local CS Chapter meeting. Get involved! Run for an office. Take pride in your profession and help raise the bar for Professionalism in the Central Service Profession.

National Seminars & Programs

IAHCSSM Semi-Annual Meeting
October 31st – November 3rd
Boston, Mass

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Do One Brave Thing a Day



"My doctor told me to avoid any unnecessary stress, so I didn't open his bill."

2005 Seminar Planning:

We are also already planning next June's 2005 Educational Seminar & Technical Exhibits to be held, yes, again in Niagara Falls. The majority and consensus still shouts out to come back to the "Falls" again. It continues to be a great place for eating, sight-seeing and meeting friends. Niagara Falls is considered one of the 7th Wonders of the World and still one of America's most Romantic spots.

We have a real treat this year as the seminar and exhibits will be held at the State of the Art Niagara Falls Convention Center. What does that mean to all of us?

CLIMATE CONTROL FOR ONE!

State of the Art Audio Visual!
Comfortable Setting and seating, and an expanded menu for higher quality meals while we are there. Breaks with refreshments will also be provided.

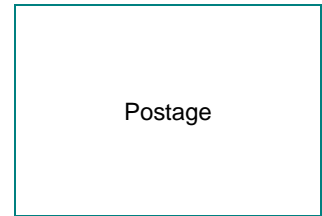
Check the NYSCASP Website in October for an update and preview of the conference center.

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The E-Board's next meeting is October 13th @ 9AM. Participants will be called to join in the conference.

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