

Making it Count

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2017 brought some trying times to our state and to our members that life in the Gulf Coast areas. Harvey gave a good punch and tried to knock us down. The Gulf Coast people came together and as true Texans and Surgical Technologists, we rallied around and lent a helping hand.

A new year is upon us with new adventures ahead. As we travel the road of life, I hope that all our members and Surgical Technologists will keep extending that helping hand and share kindness and joy, as we go through our busy days.

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Francis of Assisi

Kim McDuffie, TSA President

BEST LITTLE WORKSHOP IN TEXAS IS ALMOST HERE!

WHY CEU'S?

Have you ever asked yourself, WHY? Why would I want to spend the money to maintain my certification? Why do I need CEU's when I already know all there is to know? Let's hear from a few of your Board of Directors!



Maintaining your certification is more than just obtaining CEU's. You are ensuring that you are doing the best for your patient that you can. Being up to date on new medical procedures and innovative technologies is a standard of care in our field. There are so many new practices coming out every day, so why would we not do justice to our patients and learn? I would encourage everyone to be active, be involved and be Present!

WHY CEU'S?

With advancements in technology continuing education is extremely important. Not only does it solidify your dedication in your profession, Continuing Education allows networking amongst peers and offers advance techniques to be learned. Providing the upmost care to our Patients is our number one goal and staying up to date within our profession as a Certified Surgical Technologist gives Surgeons and surgical facilities confidence.



We express many reasons why continuing education in our profession is very important and essential to safe surgical patient care. The CST credential allows 4 years to renew and everyone always says "oh I have plenty of time" and then in year 3 they realize they haven't been to any workshops. Each day in the OR new procedures and new equipment/instruments are being introduced. Maybe you should think about like your smartphone that everyone owns. When apps need updated or there is a system upgrade, not to mention a newer phone is available. Everyone rushes to get the new phone and have all their apps automatically update so they don't miss any of the latest features. Just like your smartphone, you need to update annually to stay current in your practice to deliver patient first care competently.

Jeff Feix, TSA Treasurer; Board of Director



Continuing education is an absolute in healthcare! Every patient deserves an experienced CST, that is current on procedures, equipment, patient needs which will facilitate a safe surgical procedure. Advancing one's skill level comes from continued education. Be proud of the CST behind your name and know that your patient always deserves your best!

Cindy Mask, TSA Board of Director



HARVEY CAN'T HOLD US DOWN

Collette Sulcer was one of us. She was a mother, friend and daughter. Collette decided to become a Surgical Technologist after her mother, a nurse, passed away. She stood at the mayo each day and lived the life of a Surgical Technologist. Many who worked with her described her as positive, energetic, and a light in any room that she walked into.

“I never did see that girl in a bad mood. I never saw her upset or mad.

And she didn't have the life of leisure that would give her such a positive attitude.

But she built on her adversity instead of let it knock her down.”

Never let a day go by without letting the ones you love know what they mean to you.
Collette made the ultimate sacrifice for the one she loved and she will be missed.

The Texas State Assembly is committed to supporting those impacted by
Hurricane Harvey.



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1 Secretary
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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Best Little Workshop In Texas- The One Stop Shop! **

March 3rd-4th 2018— 15 CE Credits

The Texas State Assembly hosts the Best Little Workshop in Texas each year. This year we are proud to announce we will be offering 15 CEUs. We are your One Stop Shop! At this work shop you will be able to learn about a variety of different specialties as well as meet with members of our board to express your opinions on current issues.

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