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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Nancy Chobin, RN, CSPDM

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT BUT THE SAME.....

In March I had the privilege to represent the US and the NICHSPDP at a conference in Malaysia. Despite the long travel to reach my destination (27 hours over 2 days) the trip was well worth it. The Malaysian people are beautiful, friendly people who still are concerned that the US thinks all Muslims are terrorists. I found the people to be peace loving and very considerate.

The climate is very hot (99 deg F. when I got off the plane at 10:30 AM) and very humid. However, the humidity provides for lush vegetation and incredible flowers, fruits and trees. The airport was new and ultra-modern with a shopping mall and food court. The music being played on the radio was basically American rock. Many of the television shows were current American shows. When I reached my hotel and noticed a McDonald's next door I knew everything would be OK.

The food is unusual in that Malaysia has a great influence from China and India so many foods contain curry and Chinese vegetables. Due to the Muslim religion, pork products are very limited. In the hotel for breakfast you could get beef bacon and chicken sausages. Yogurt was readily available but the consistency was much thinner than in the US. The diet consists mainly of lamb and chicken and many vegetables.

The conference was held over a 3 ½ day period with the first day being a pre-conference. Over 400 CSPD professionals attended from 5 countries. All CSPD workers are nurses! In addition to the nurses at the conference, physicians, surgeons, the Minister of Health and the nurses and physicians who inspect and accredit the Malaysian hospitals also attended. This was simply amazing!

The speakers were from industry; and CSPD Managers from Amsterdam and Australia and myself from the USA. There was much interest in certification and competency assessment for CSPD workers. The Malaysian CS Organization launched their web page during the conference. You can visit their webpage via the LINKS section on the NICHSPDP webpage (www.sterileprocessing.org) or at www.mssa.com.my. It is an impressive webpage.

Many of the issues discussed at the meeting were similar to those we have in the USA; education and training for CS/SPD personnel, working relationships with the Operating Room, sophistication of medical/surgical devices, etc.

I also found the CS/SPD community shares the same goals regardless of their location; to provide quality patient care services.

Don't forget to get information to sit for the new surgical instrument technician examination. **Everyone sitting for the exam in October 2002 & April 2003 will receive a special Charter Certification certificate.**

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. ♦

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NICHSPDP IS LOOKING FOR TWO (2) NICHSPDP CERTIFIED PERSONNEL (TECHNICIAN, SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER) WHO ARE FLUENT IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE. PLEASE CONTACT THE NICHSPDP OFFICE AT 800-555-9765 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED HELP IN TRANSLATING OUR EXAMS FOR CANDIDATES IN MEXICO. THANK YOU.

CONDOLENCES – The Board of Directors of the NICHSPDP sends their sympathy to the family of the late Augustine Shelley, past Board Member, NICHSPDP. Augustine passed away earlier this year. She was a Supervisor representative to the NICHSPDP board and will be sadly missed.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The NICHSPDP welcomes the newly elected voting Board members to the NICHSPDP. Barbara Leigh from Syracuse, New York is the new Supervisor representative and Jenny Harrer of Woodbury Minnesota is the new Technician representative. We wish them well in their tenures on the Board.

NICHSPDP EXTENDS GRANDFATHERING IN OF CALIFORNIA CENTRAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

In October, the NICHSPDP was asked to attend a meeting of one of the CCSA Chapters regarding their certification. The NICHSPDP announced that any CCSA certified member wishing to transfer their certification to the NICHSPDP should contact the NICHSPDP office at 800-555-9765 or visit the NICHSPDP web page at: www.sterileprocessing.org. The deadline for grandfathering in CCSA certified personnel is now September 1, 2002. ♦

THE NICHSPDP EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS (NON-VOTING)

Nancy Chobin, R.N., CSPDM; Executive Director

Teckla Ann Maresca, L.P.N., CSPDM; Executive Commissioner, Chairperson CEU Committee

Sue McManus, R.N., C.E.H., CSPDM; Executive Commissioner, Test Development Committee Liaison

Nora Wikander, R.N., CSPDM; Executive Commissioner, CEU Review Committee

M. Eleanor Reilly, RN, CSPDT, CSPDS, CSPDM; Board Member Emeritus

NICHSPDP VOTING BOARD

Pat Barnett, R.N., CSPDT, CSPDM; Manager Representative

Barbara Leigh, CSPDS, Supervisor Representative

Jenny Harrer, CSPDT; Technician Representative

Paul Letersky, B.A., J.D.; Public Member

RE-CERTIFICATION CORNER

NOTE: Names that are underlined represent those members who earned a Certificate of Excellence for exceeding the re-certification criteria by at least 20 additional points of pre-approved programs.

Congratulations to the following members who have re-certified until April 19, 2007.

~MANAGERS~

QUICK STATS: Total Eligible = 3; Total Re-certified = 1 (33.3%)

Bone, Erik, Cordelia, CA. ♦

~SUPERVISORS~

QUICK STATS: Total Eligible = 11; Total Re-Certified = 0 (0%)

~TECHNICIANS~

QUICK STATS: Total Eligible = 427; Total Re-Certified = 108 (25.2%)

Aldridge, Jesus, Pleasant Prierie, WI; Al Habsi, Naser, Abu Dhabi, UAE; Allen, Gudelia, Savanna, GA; Avila, Julio, Albuquerque, NM; Badgero-Blasko, Sara, Traverse City, MI; Beresniewicz, Joan, Silver Creek, NY; Bishop, Karen, Lower Salem, OH; Burns, Cordie, Chicago, IL; Butac, Caridad, Elk Grove, CA; Butler, Brenda, Baltimore, MD; Byrd, Deborah, Baltimore, MD; Carpenter, Danica, Traverse City, MI; Caudill, Venita, Mocksville, NC; Chapman, Renee, Forest City, NC; Chavez, Maria, Bakersfield, CA; Choo, Lisa, Waipahu, HI; Conklin, Patricia, Waynesboro, PA; Curry, Laura, North Augusta, SC; Davis, Jonnette, Savannah, GA; Day, Penny, Lagrange, IL; Dilworth, Stacy, Savannah, GA; Duff, John, Hackensack, NJ; Dumont Labine, Laura, White River Jct., VT; Ecker, Marcia, Jefferson, OR; Eddleman, Judy, Salisbury, NC; Edwards, Basil, Hackensack, NJ; Ellis, Valerie, Grand Junction, CO; Emhof, Annette, Angola, NY; Erlenmeyer, Joslyn, Parma, OH; Fischer, Kathy, Midland, MI; Forbes, Esther, Midland, MI; Fortune, Tzana, Red Bluff, CA; Fuller, Beulah, Savannah, GA; Gamboa, Benedicto, Al Ain, UAE; Garcia, Ezequiel, Sacramento, CA; Gibson, Tina, Corbin, KY; Grano, Carol, Wallingford, CT; Grisson, Nancy, Mont Alto, PA; Hackler, Judy, Powell, TN; Hall, Marjorie, Marietta, OH; Hanrahan, Frances, Seneca, SC;

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Hansen, Edward, Colchester, VT; *Hauck, Linda*, Pleasant Prarie, WI; *Hickes, Sybil*, Lilburn, GA; *Holmes, Jean*, Villa Park, IL; *Kelly, Connie*, Lansing, MI; *King, Phillip*, Cleveland Heights, OH; *Kirby, Charles*, Junction City, KS; *Krzemien Drabek, Linda*, Buffalo, NY; *Kuerbitz, Diane*, Beaverton, MI; *Lalonde, Julie*, Grawn, MI; *Lewis, Carol*, Charleston, WV; *Louis, Ethel*, New Orleans, LA; *Luzier, Carol*, St. Mary's, PA; *Malohn, Carol*, Carpentersville, IL; *Maniloff, Ann*, Fairfield, CA; *Marsh, Joyce*, Goldsboro, NC; *Mcferren, Cathy*, Waynesboro, PA; *Mckeehan, Jenny*, Siler, KY; *Merritt, Debra*, Ridgway, PA; *Miller, Charles*, Bakersfield, CA; *Newman, Katie*, Traverse City, MI; *Norris, Tina*, Midway, GA; *O'Connor, John*, Little Silver, NJ; *Pena, Carol*, South Elgin, IL; *Pierce, Theresa*, Meriden, CT; *Raghavan, Manghat*, Abudhabi, UAE; *Rairden, Steven*, St. Albans, WV; *Reed, Kathleen*, Interlochen, MI; *Riehl, Shirley*, Kodak, TN; *Robbins, Barbara*, Sinclairville, NY; *Roberson, Sara*, Moultrie, GA; *Roberts, Kelly*, Midland, MI; *Robinson, Lashawna*, Daytona Beach, FL; *Rodriquez, Edward*, Saginaw, MI; *Rushing, Virgine*, Wheaton, IL; *Rutledge, Patricia*, Savannah, GA; *Sandoval, Salvador*, Phoenix, AZ; *Sasse, Ronda*, Midland, MI; *Saunders, Charlene*, Midland, MI; *Schweikert, Nancy*, Jackson, MI; *Seals, Bobbie*, Summit, MS; *Seda, Mary*, Sonoma, CA; *Sharma, Satya*, Sacramento, CA; *Shuler, Betty*, Dadeville, AL; *Simbeck, Amy*, St. Mary's, PA; *Smith, Christine*, McComb, MS; *Smith, Esther*, Hope, MI; *Sosolik, Roberta*, Crestwood, IL; *Spells, Geneva*, Greenwood, MS; *Spiering, Jami*, Shelby, NC; *Stachnik, Alaina*, Traverse City, MI; *Stafford, Debra*, Austin, CO; *Stocks, Lillian*, Soldotna, AK; *Tafoya, Arthur*, Albuquerque, NM; *Taylor, Russell*, Charleston, WV; *Teffs, Mark*, New Britain, CT; *Thurston, Michelle*, Midland, MI; *Tilford, Philip*, Pleasant Lake, MI; *Townsend, Linda*, Hartwell, GA; *Vickers, Gloria*, Augusta, GA; *Ward, Mary*, Gainsville, GA; *Webster, Patricia*, Midland, MI; *Weston, Jean*, Seneca, SC; *White, Mary*, Front Royal, VA; *Williams, Delroy*, Lauderhill, FL; *Zello, Marcia*, Cheshire, CT. ♦

Congratulations to the following members who have re-certified until May 16, 2007.

~TECHNICIANS~

QUICK STATS: Total Eligible = 99; Total Re-Certified = 51 (51.5%)

Adu, Emma, Amelia, VA; *Allen, Dorothy*, Augusta, ME; *Alves, Albertina*, East Hartford, CT; *Bakes, Janette*, Carol Stream, IL; *Black, Phyllis*, Pittsburgh, KS; *Caldwell, Dorothy*, Jaffrey, NH; *Carroll, Kimberly*, Autryville, NC; *Copp, Walter*, Wanaque, NJ; *Crane, Brenda*, Lynchburg, VA; *Cruz, Judith*, Old Bridge, NJ; *Culpepper, Josephine*, Toledo, OH; *Curtis, Patricia*, Citrus Heights, CA; *Dorsey, Christy*, Liverpool, NY; *Douglass, Linda*, Kingsley, MI; *Easten, Rita*, Traverse City, MI; *Emond, Bonnie*, Waterbury, VT; *Evans, Beverly*, Hutchins, TX; *Fuchs, Robert*, Bonaire, GA; *Hare, Pam*, Wentworth, SD; *Harris, Hattie*, Paterson, NJ; *Hubbard, Darnette*, Lynchburg, VA; *La tour, Robin*, Bennington, VT; *Leabo, Mary*, Pittsburg, KS; *Lemaire, Polly*, North Bennington, VT; *London, Helen*, Denville, NJ; *Marencic, Karen*, Daupin, PA; *Matsumura, Kathleen*, Portland, OR; *Mccarthy, Eloise*, Bolingbrook, IL; *Mclean, Sherri*, Landing, NJ; *Meisner, Karen*, Florence, MT; *Muniz, Margarita*, Elmwood Park, NJ; *Pennix, Patsy*, Lynchburg, VA; *Piper, Josephine*, Dallas, TX; *Potter, Eleanor*, Passaic, NJ; *Roginski, Madeleine*, Lincoln Park, MI; *Rowley, Linda*, Bennington, VT; *Schmidt, Laura*, Missoula, MT; *Sciamarelli, Susan*, Kinnelon, NJ; *Spinks, Virginia*, North Highland, CA; *Stallworth, Kevin*, Paterson, NJ; *Stellman, Rebecca*, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; *Subbs, Hilda*, Hope Mills, NC; *Travis, Madlyn*, Hopkins, SC; *Vane, Elizabeth*, Bethesda, MD; *Wentworth, Michael*, South Burlington, VT; *Wilder, Wilma*, Detroit, MI; *Williams, Emily*, Chicago, IL; *Williams, Bobby*, Irving, TX; *Winchell, Christina*, Fayetteville, NC; *York, Shelia*, White Oak, NC; *Young, Ann*, Swanton, VT. ♦

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PURCHASE STUDY MATERIAL, SEE WHO PASSED THE MOST RECENT EXAMS
AND WHO RECENTLY RE-CERTIFIED!**

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A MESSAGE FROM ASHCSP

The American Society for Healthcare Central Service Professionals is the premier Central Service/Sterile Processing professional organization, serving over 1,000 members nationwide. ASHCSP serves its members continuously by holding an annual conference that provides extensive networking opportunities and informative sessions, publishing an extensive array of educational materials and a quarterly newsletter, and serving as an advocate to represent CS/SP professionals' interests to the national legislature.

The Society's 35th Anniversary Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition, "ASHCSP: Meeting the Challenge, Advancing the Profession," will be held in San Antonio October 19-22. This year's conference will kick off with a full-day symposium on the reuse of single-use devices. It will include seminars in CJD, bio-terrorism and emergency preparedness, improving computer skills, and much more! Also, NICHSPDP will be offering onsite testing and certification for the first time this year, on October 19. Also included in the program will be an outing to San Antonio's charming Riverwalk and An Evening with Kimberly-Clark. The special "Flying High" discounted rate will be available to those whose registrations are postmarked by June 30. The conference will be held at the San Antonio Omni Hotel, and conference participants are eligible for a special discounted room rate, provided that rooms are reserved before September 20.

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ASHCSP has published a number of manuals and other materials useful to the CS\SP professional. Three new publications are the 4th edition of the *Training Manual for Central Service Technicians* (product # 031830), its accompanying workbook (product # 031831), and the *Certification Review Guide for Managers* (product # 013836). The technician's manual is a concise, practical resource tool that can be used by central service managers and educators in orientation, training, and instructional programs. Updated materials include easy-to-read graphs, new photographs, and updated information on regulations, governing agencies, and Web links. The manager's review guide covers a variety of topics, including fiscal and personal management, sterile processing and distribution, and inventory control.

These publications, along with numerous recommended practices manuals, help prepare the CS/SP professional for NICHSPDP certification exams, and can be extremely helpful when applied to the work environment. Publications are available for purchase at the Society's online store, at www.ashcsp.org, or through calling 800-242-2626. The Society also offers a Continuing Education Series and credit for contact hours.

ASHCSP is constantly striving to serve its members in any way possible – as their voice on a national level, as their number-one advocate, and as a resource for educational materials personalized service. Join online at www.ashcsp.org, or call 312-422-3750 to receive a membership application in the mail. ♦

CERTIFICATION CORNER

Congratulations to the following members who passed our certification examinations on April 20, 2002 and are certified for 5 years.

^MANAGERS^

QUICK STATS: Total Examined = 15; Passed = 3 (20%); Failed = 12 (80%)

Corn,Randall,Tucson,AZ; *Driver,Jason*,Tyler,TX; *Marsh,Terry*,Fort Myers,FL. ♦

^SUPERVISORS^

QUICK STATS: Total Examined = 19; Passed = 8 (42.1%); Failed = 11 (57.9%)

Gilbert,Bernard,Bayshore,NY; *Heady,Erin*,Poughkeepsie,NY; *Holcomb,Jean*,Newport,VT; *Hose,Sandra*,Hagerstown,MD; *Pace,John*,Chattanooga,TN; *Pence,Claudia*,Ashland,OH; *Saavedra,Efren*,Miami,FL; *Schraeder,Karen*,Great Bend,KS. ♦

^TECHNICIANS^

QUICK STATS: Total Examined = 816; Passed = 611 (74.9%); Failed = 205 (25.1%)

Abelein,Mary,Mesa,AZ; *Abrigg,Timothy*,North Canton,OH; *Adams,Connie*,Jeff,KY; *Adams,James*,East Cleveland,OH; *Albain,Sandra*,Toledo,OH; *Albright,Harry*,Daytona Beach,FL; *Alexander,Deborah*,Rochester,NY; *Allen,Sherman*,Durham,NC; *Allen,Lenwood*,Brooklyn,NY; *Alvarez,Ana*,Englewood,NJ; *Alvarado,Yolanda*,Lodi,CA; *Ames,Debra*,Olean,NY; *Anderson,Linda*,Bay City,MI; *Anderson,Annie*,Rochester,NY; *Anderson,Lawrence*,Waterbury,CT; *Ang,Alberto*,Piscataway,NJ; *Anunciaion,Rudy*,Daly City,CA; *Anyiam,Innocent*,San Jose,CA; *Arbelo,Elizabeth*,Bridgeport,CT; *Aretz,Jeanette*,Davenport,IA; *Atwood,Geraldine*,Franklin,NH; *Austin,Penny*,Savannah,GA; *Austin-Riddick,Yonette*,North Brunswick,NJ; *Bain,Gary*,Nassau,,Bahamas; *Bain,Tanya*,Nassau,,Bahamas; *Baker,Suzanne*,East Helena,MT; *Baker,Joel*,Traverse,MI; *Baker,William*,Douglas,GA; *Baldwin,Gregory*,Charleston,WV; *Banas,Katarzyna*,San Francisco,CA; *Barber,Crystal*,Albany,OR; *Barbour,Paul*,Lebanon,NH; *Barnard,Daniel*,North Olmsted,OH; *Barreyro,Ronaldo*,Bakersfield,CA; *Bassenave,Chris*,Colton,OR; *Batt,Pauline*,Eldred,PA; *Battista,Neva*,Belleville,NJ; *Beach,Dennis*,Lodi,CA; *Becker,Karen*,Albany,OR; *Bell,Marsha*,Cleveland,OH; *Bennett,Melissa*,Millwood,GA; *Bensing,Megan*,Grand Rapids,MI; *Benton,Kathy*,Kingsport,TN; *Berbower,Craig*,Sacramento,CA; *Berlant,Jennifer*,Miami Lakes,FL; *Blanchard,Alice*,Ludington,MI; *Blazer,Heather*,Cheshire,OH; *Bodie,Eva*,Raleigh,NC; *Bolon,Tanya*,Ceres,NY; *Boucher,Denise*,Sidney,ME; *Bourassa,Debra*,Milwaukee,WI; *Bowie,Roberta*,Cleveland,OH; *Breedlove,Martha*,Anderson,IN; *Bright,Robert*,Olean,NY; *Brockington,Angela*,Durham,NC; *Brooks,Toby*,Sylva,NC; *Brown,Cordelia*,Shasta,CA; *Brown,Patricia*,Bridgeport,CT; *Brown,Lashoyne*,West Memphis,AR; *Brown,Willa*,Omaha,NE; *Bruce,Valorie*,Milwaukee,WI; *Bruce,Cindy*,Whitehouse,TN; *Bryan,David*,Battle Creek,MI; *Burton,Linda*,Navasota,TX; *Byrd,Sallie*,Townsend,MT; *Calimer,Lorrie*,Waynesboro,PA; *Campbell,Stacy*,Phoenix,AZ; *Canalda,Richard*,Lebanon,NH; *Carl,Colleen*,Massillon,OH; *Carr,Taurus*,Cleveland,OH; *Carrington,Tricia*,Brooklyn,NY; *Carrroll,Kenneth*,New Brunswick,NJ; *Carter,Pamela*,Sarasota,FL; *Cascio,Frank*,Douglas,GA; *Castro,David*,Bayside, NY; *Catlett,Janika*,Harvey,IL; *Cephus,Shonia*,Chicago,IL; *Cerny,Stephanie*,Talent,OR; *Chacko,Alexander*,Chattanooga,TN; *Chaffers,Daniel*,Oakland,CA; *Chalmers,Stewart*,St. Albans,VT; *Chandler,Linda*,Ft. Worth,TX; *Cherif,Pauline*,Savannah,GA; *Chew,Jerry*,Chicago,IL; *Chiesa,Kathleen*,Sarasota,FL; *Chippewa,Beth Anne*,Williamsburg,MI; *Chislom,Alma*,Dorchester,MA; *Cieri,Elena*,North Miami,FL; *Claridge,Dushinka*,Nassau,,Bahamas; *Clark,Michael*,Southyon,MI; *Clark,Bradley*,Julian,WV; *Clear,Kelly*,Yukon,OK; *Cloud,Monika*,Cleveland,OH; *Clugston,Nelda*,Fayetteville,PA; *Cobb,Joy*,Mattoon,IL; *Coble,Sherry*,Mercersburg,PA; *Coffey,Vickey*,Jackson,MI; *Coker,Betsy*,New Brunswick,NJ; *Cole,Terrina*,Toledo,OH; *Collado,Jessica*,Miami,FL; *Concha,Danny*,Grants Pass,OR; *Conforte,Victoria*,Papillion,NE; *Conklin,Wendy*,Elsie,MI; *Conner,Beverly*,Fairfax,OK; *Connors,Amy*,Pleasant Valley,NY; *Consolacion,Renato*,San Francisco,CA; *Constantine,Pablita*,Virginia Beach,VA; *Conti,Donna*,Derby,NY; *Cook,Carolyn*,Chattanooga,TN; *Cook,Kyle*,Long Branch,NJ; *Cooper,Stella*,Sacramento,CA; *Costela,Maria*,North Arlington,NJ; *Coty,Toni*,Niagara Falls,NY; *Cox,Lowoina*,Nassau,,Bahamas; *Cruz,Gloria*,Naples,FL; *Cruz,Maria Luisa*,Virginia Beach,VA; *Cruz,Patricia*,Davenport,IA; *Cunningham,Nelson*,Dunbar,WV; *Curtis,Eartha*,Nassau,,Bahamas; *Da Silva,Selma*,Danbury,CT; *Daka,Lisa*,Delevan,NY; *Damey,Alma*,Everett,WA; *Daniels,Michael*,San Francisco,CA; *Daris,Linda*,Savannah,GA; *Darling,Debra*,Redding,CA; *Davenport,Terry*,Chester,

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CA; *Davis, Melissa*, Nassau,, Bahamas; *Davis, Eleanor*, Wilmington, DE; *Davis, Mark*, Corvallis, OR; *Dawkins, Annette*, Jersey City, NJ; *DeCosta, Wayne*, Somerset, NJ; *Dela Cueva, Rackel*, Milpitas, CA; *Dela Merced, Antonio*, S. San Francisco, CA; *Delima, Eloisa*, Virginia Beach, VA; *Demillion, Terry*, Concord, CA; *DeRooy, Tammie*, Grawn, MI; *Desmarais, Jr., Robert*, Ocala, FL; *Devlieger, Sonya*, Jamestown, NY; *Dias, Emilia*, Danbury, CT; *DiGiorgio, Sara*, Tualatin, OR; *Diute, Andrew*, Binghamton, NY; *Dixon, Alisha*, Townsend, GA; *Dizon, Jon Jon*, Elmhurst, NY; *Dobie, Andy*, Gunnison, CO; *Doll, Kathleen*, York, PA; *Downs, Lissa*, Wichita, KS; *Doyle, Arme*, Bellwood, IL; *Drake, Paula*, Battle Creek, MI; *Drake, Martha*, Strongsville, OH; *Dulce, Julio*, San Mateo, CA; *Dunaway, Nona*, Salem, OR; *Duncan, Justin*, Muncie, IN; *Dunlap, BreAnne*, Milwaukee, WI; *Durham, Brandie*, Missoula, MT; *Dwyer, Colleen*, Little Canada, MN; *Earl, Debra*, Sacramento, CA; *Earsery, Katrina*, Chicago, IL; *Eash, Nell*, Cortland, IL; *Elder, Alex*, Seattle, WA; *Ellison, Schanna*, Ypsilanti, MI; *Embry, William*, Shepherdsville, KY; *Erickson, Mark*, Nederland, CO; *Escueta, Merlita*, Allentown, PA; *Essency, Debora*, Gardiner, ME; *Esteves, Irene*, North Arlington, NJ; *Evans, Debbie*, Portville, NY; *Ewing, Andrew*, Ft. Worth, TX; *Farrell, Mary Jane*, Forked River, NJ; *Farrell, Wendy*, Ankeny, IA; *Featherstone, Sharon*, Englewood, OH; *Feliciano, Luis*, Stratford, CT; *Fellows, Peggy*, Lebanon, NH; *Ferguson, Cheryl*, Nassau, Bahamas; *Fisher, Karen*, North Tonawanda, NY; *Fitzgerald, Bonnie*, Wendell, NC; *Flandez, Raymundo*, West Orange, NJ; *Fleckenstein, Shirley*, Lansing, MI; *Fleming, Thomas*, North Olsted, OH; *Flores, Steven*, Casa Grande, AZ; *Flowers, Kwame*, Poughkeepsie, NY; *Forbes, Tyrone*, New Haven, CT; *Forrest, Carol*, Kingsport, TN; *Fouchey, Holli*, Traverse City, MI; *Fox, Marcella*, Bloomingdale, NJ; *Fox-Ruiz, Theresa*, Milwaukee, WI; *Franco, Ryan*, Bakersfield, CA; *French, Cinthia*, Tempe, AZ; *Frydrychowski, Tracy*, Jeromesville, OH; *Fuller, Robert*, Swanton, VT; *Fuller, Shirley*, Portville, NY; *Galarosa, Cindy*, Buckley, WA; *Gallon, Robin*, Miami, FL; *Garber, Winona*, Ashland, OH; *Garcia, Fabio*, Miami Beach, FL; *Garcia, Luis*, Phoenix, AZ; *Gayle, Janice*, Toledo, OH; *Gerstenkorn, Barbara*, Great Bend, KS; *Christ, Monty*, Cleveland, OH; *Gibbs, Janaveen*, Lebanon, OR; *Gleave, Adelfa*, Kenmore, NY; *Goetz, Sonia*, Parsippany, NJ; *Gonzcar, Jason*, Warren, MI; *Gonzales, Marcelene*, Goodyear, AZ; *Gonzalez-Quevedo, Armando*, Albany, NY; *Gouin, Carolyn*, South Milwaukee, WI; *Grames, Kristy*, Toledo, OH; *Grant, Jr., Dawson*, Lutz, FL; *Griffin, Christine*, Toms River, NJ; *Gruchalski, Gary*, Milwaukee, WI; *Guetzkow, Jennifer*, Cudahy, WI; *Guillen, Morayma*, Phoenix, AZ; *Gurganus, Bonnie*, Moody, AL; *Gutierrez, Baltazar*, Dallas, TX; *Gutierrez, Godo*, Missoula, MT; *Haag, Julie*, Northwood, OH; *Haak, Kathryn*, Goose Creek, SC; *Haenning, Jeff*, Endicott, NY; *Hall, Paula*, Fairfield, ME; *Hankinson, Tina*, North Tonawanda, NY; *Hardison, Lavonia*, Winston-Salem, NC; *Hardy, Denise*, Richmond, CA; *Harrington, Karla*, Lebanon, NH; *Harris, Thresa*, Worth, IL; *Harris, Kenneth*, Chicago, IL; *Hart, Jennifer*, Huson, MT; *Havens, Dorothy*, Brick, NJ; *Hawkes, Susan*, Phoenix, AZ; *Heath, Myra*, Prineville, OR; *Hemric, Betty*, Winston-Salem, NC; *Herndon, Monica*, Kent, WA; *Hester, Erika*, Chicago, IL; *Hickey, Linda*, Cleveland, OH; *Hicks, Michael*, Oklahoma City, OK; *High, Latisha*, Meriden, CT; *Hill, Daniel*, Pekin, IL; *Hill, Tammy*, Bartonville, IL; *Hill, Shauna Lee*, Hillsborough, NJ; *Hirigoyen, Jorge*, Miami, FL; *Hitesman, Melody*, Henena, MT; *Hodges, Patricia*, Savannah, GA; *Hoefling, Susan*, Haubstadt, IN; *Hoferka, Anne*, Oakland, CA; *Hogges, Jill*, Newark, NJ; *Hokse, Wanda*, Holland, MI; *Holcomb, Rhonda*, Ischua, NY; *Holley, Scott*, Burlington, VT; *Hollyfield, Frances*, Cleveland, OH; *Hoof, Robert*, Memphis, TN; *Howard, Kristy*, Battle Creek, MI; *Hoyum, Christopher*, Chandler, AZ; *Huang, Maria Luisa*, Davis, CA; *Huff, Clyde*, Vallejo, CA; *Hughes-Keech, Denna*, Grawn, MI; *Hull, Carlos*, Athens, GA; *Humphreys, Tracy*, Nunica, MI; *Hurley, Dan*, San Francisco, CA; *Ignatowski, Marlene*, Independence, OH; *Jacko, Eric*, Hedersonville, NC; *Jackson, Nathaniel*, Rochester, NY; *Jackson, Elizabeth*, Dayton, OH; *Jackson, Jamen*, Milwaukee, WI; *James, Linda*, Akron, OH; *Jee, Coleen*, San Francisco, CA; *Jenkins, Jermaine*, Brooklyn, NY; *Jennings, Rosanne*, Eugene, OR; *Jensen, Marshall*, Bangor, ME; *Johnson, Sara*, El Paso, TX; *Johnson, Evelyn*, Conway, SC; *Johnson, Sarolyn*, Cleveland, OH; *Johnson, Yolanda*, Whitehall, OH; *Johnson, Curtis*, Memphis, TN; *Johnson, David*, Detroit, MI; *Jones, Patricia*, Hollister, CA; *Jones, Kizzy*, Detroit, MI; *Jones, Broderick*, Phoenix, AZ; *Jones, Tabbatha*, Lebanon, NH; *Juarez, Susan*, Elyria, OH; *Kaczmarek, Sheila*, Grand Island, NY; *Kauffman, Prudence*, York, PA; *Kavalec, Elaine*, Cleveland, OH; *Kawleski, Patricia*, Cudahy, WI; *Keener, Tammy*, Milton, VT; *Keilman, Terry*, Milan, MI; *Kellogg, Roxanne*, Greenfield, WI; *Kepner, Tasha*, El Paso, TX; *Kerstetter, Jason*, Chandler, AZ; *Key, Michelle*, Morton, IL; *King, April*, Memphis, TN; 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CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

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NICHSPDP BOD - Continuing Education Committee

Obtaining Contact Hours (Points) for re-certification is each individual's responsibility. Don't wait until the re-certification notice is sent to you, start from the first month after becoming certified or re-certified.

Subtract the points given for working full time (10 points per year for Technicians; 5 points per year for Managers or Supervisors) or part time (5 points per year for Technicians; 2.5 points per year for Supervisors or Managers) from the amount needed for the five-year re-certification (100 for Technicians; 150 for Supervisors and Managers). Divide the remaining points by five to determine how many contact hours (points) you need to obtain each year.

It is less of a burden to obtain points over the five years rather than attempting to gather them at one time.

NICHSPDP Continuing Education Units (Contact Hours or Points) are based on a sixty (60) minute hour of educational content as established by our advisory committee. You are allowed partial hour approvals, for example 15, 30 or 45 minutes. Breaks, meals and vendor exhibits are not included in our approval process.

All re-certification contact hours (points) must be approved by the NICHSPDP CEU Committee. Some printed in-services and videos have been reviewed and "pre-approved". There will be a statement in the Earn CEU section of the printed material accompanying the in-service or video indicating that it has been pre-approved by NICHSPDP for those publications. No approval code number is necessary for these submissions. The instructions for using these pre-approved articles/videos at the time of re-certification are as follows:

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- A certificate/departmental listing **signed by your supervisor or manager**, verifying your completion of the post test. This certificate/listing is to include the title of the in-service article/video, the name of the publication/manufacture, the date of the publication/video and your name and should be attached to the completed “pre-approved” sheet in your re-certification packet.

There are some other printed, video and Internet offerings that have been reviewed and approved for the sponsoring agencies/corporations. The instructions for obtaining a certificate of completion and contact hour approval numbers must be followed as printed in the material. In most cases the post test must be submitted to the sponsoring agency/corporation who will then supply the certificate and or information for a certificate of completion. When using these types of in-services please make sure that you receive the approval code number and contact hour information that have been provided to the sponsoring agency/corporation by the NICHSPDP CEU Committee. These certificates are to be attached to the completed in-service sheet in the re-certification packet.

Departmental in-services (one submission per in-service that can be shared with the staff that attended the in-service) are to be submitted for review to the CEU committee within 6 (six) weeks of being held. When submitting the in-services remember to provide:

- Title of the in-service
- Time Frame requested
- Presenter’s name and title
- Objectives of the in-service

It is important to complete the bottom of the CEU application, indicating where the information should be sent.

When considering a seminar to attend check with the sponsoring agency/group to determine if NICHSPDP Contact Hours are being requested or approved. The sponsoring group should submit the request for review so that the information can be shared with all of the attendees at the particular seminar/meeting/program. When attending such a meeting it is your responsibility to assure that the certificate you receive has a NICHSPDP approval number along with the number of Contact Hours approved. All sponsoring agencies/groups are instructed by NICHSPDP to assure that the attendee stay until the close of the approved hours or have their certificates adjusted and initialed by an authority of that agency/group.

An individual may submit a request for review of a seminar/program or meeting on his or her own, but then the information will only be provided to that individual.

As you can see, earning your re-certification points can take many forms but the most important thing to remember is that whatever points you submit for re-certification needs to have been reviewed by the CEU Committee. Don’t get caught short - plan early and keep things organized. Maintain your certificates in a safe place (suggestion to make copies – keep one set at home and one at work). Review your point totals at the end of each year so you can plan what you need the following year. It should not be a chore or difficult to keep up a knowledge base and maintain certification. Don’t complicate it!! ♦

~APPROVED INSERVICE~

PROCESSING OF PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT

By: Nancy Chobin, RN, CSPDM

Background: Patient care equipment is used throughout the healthcare facility to provide essential services to patients. The general type of patient care equipment (used on the Nursing units) is usually cleaned, disinfected, reassembled, and distributed from the CS/SPD Department. Examples of patient care equipment include; infusion pumps (to regulate the amount of fluids administered intravenously; also called IV pumps), feeding pumps (to administer feedings to a patient via a tube inserted into the stomach), hypo/hyperthermia blankets (machines attached to a blanket to cool down or warm up a patient’s temperature), K-pad modules (a heating pad using water to provide heat to various areas of the body), Emerson pumps (used to drain air/fluids from the chest), PCA pumps (used to administer pain medications to patients – the patient controls the administration of the medication), Oral suction machines (continuous suction); Intermittent suction (used for gastro-intestinal suction – also known as Wagenstein suction); CPM machine (continuous passive motion also known as a knee exerciser); commodes, walkers and traction devices. Depending on the healthcare facility, the procedures for collecting used patient care equipment and distributing cleaned equipment can vary significantly. In some healthcare facilities, CS/SPD collects the used equipment; in others, the nursing units are responsible to bring the used equipment to CS/SPD. Distribution can vary as well. In some facilities CS/SPD distributes the equipment, nursing may be responsible to pick the equipment up and in others a general dispatch department distributes the equipment along with other supplies. In some facilities, the CS/SPD Department is responsible to clean/disinfect and re-assemble the equipment but another department (e.g. Materials Management) is responsible for the distribution.

Regardless of the methodology for the collection and distribution of these devices, good procedures need to be developed and followed at all times.

Proper processing - All used equipment is considered contaminated/soiled. Therefore, when used equipment is collected, standard precautions should be used. All used equipment should be returned to the Decontamination area for cleaning/disinfection. It is recommended that all equipment be processed after EACH USE. Soiled equipment should be contained during transport, if possible (i.e. on a covered cart, covered with plastic bags). Wear protective attire to protect yourself from blood and body fluids. Gloves should be changed after handling the equipment so that elevators and doorknobs are not contaminated.

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Cleaning – Policies and procedures for cleaning, disassembly, disinfection and re-assembly should be developed *based upon the equipment manufacturer's written instructions*. CS/SPD personnel should be inserviced in all equipment procedures. Equipment should be cleaned prior to disinfection. Disassemble parts, which can be disassembled. It is important to wear appropriate protective attire (PPE) during this process. The equipment manufacturer may recommend special detergents/chemicals to clean the equipment to ensure proper cleaning and compatibility with the materials used in the equipment.

Disinfection - Follow manufacturer's instructions - not all disinfectants can be used on all materials. Don't assume that the disinfectant being used in the department for other purposes can automatically be used to disinfect patient care equipment. Some disinfectants can harm the materials in the equipment.

Follow the disinfectant manufacturer's instructions for proper dilution, use, contact time, temperature, etc. Wear appropriate protective attire (PPE) during the disinfection process.

Re-assembly, testing, inspection - Final preparation of the patient care equipment is essential to ensure proper function of the device. Final preparation should include: 1) proper re-assembly of all parts which were disassembled for cleaning/disinfection; 2) addition of necessary accessories (i.e. tubing clamp on Emerson pump); 3) lubrication of moveable parts, if indicated by the equipment manufacturer; 4) minimal function testing (e.g. using a gauge to verify the suction in an intermittent suction machine); 5) timely repair of malfunctioning devices (after cleaning/disinfection devices should be referred to the Biomedical department for repair); 6) last preventative maintenance and inspection date (if the equipment is due or overdue for its annual safety inspection, send the equipment to the Biomedical department) and 7) inspection for a) cleanliness; b) hospital ID (equipment tag); c) signs of abuse/damage and/or missing parts. CS/SPD personnel should also observe for *frayed cords, damaged plugs, presence of grounding pin, loose legs, non-working wheels, etc.*

Other considerations – There should be a process in place to monitor the quality of equipment processing by initial audit and ongoing monitoring. All patient care equipment owned, leased or rented should be maintained in a functional manner to ensure safe and effective patient care. A policy and procedure regarding safety inspection of borrowed/rental equipment should be developed in conjunction with the facility's safety and/or risk managers. In addition, all patient care equipment must perform as expected when used. To ensure this, electrical equipment should be properly maintained using a preventative maintenance (PM) program. The PM should be performed by qualified personnel using the manufacturer's service manual as a reference. Records of the PM should be retained (either by CS/SPD or the Repair service).

Storage - All patient care equipment should be properly stored, available and distributed in a timely manner in order to meet patient care needs. The quality, safety and level of patient care are directly related to the availability of patient care equipment. Procedures should be in place to ensure an adequate supply of equipment is available at all times. During high usage times, frequent soiled collections may be needed. Equipment should be organized to enhance accurate selection, careful handling and timely availability. Recalled equipment should be removed from service immediately. An adequate supply of equipment should be on hand to meet patients' needs. Back-up mechanisms should be in place to meet unanticipated demand (e.g. rental).

Miscellaneous - A catalog of all patient care equipment should be available to all departments. At least one copy of the User Manual for each type of patient care equipment should be available in CS/SPD for reference by the users if needed. Establish equipment control mechanisms to identify each piece of patient care equipment. This mechanism should include: a) name of equipment; b) hospital ID #; c) CS/SPD #; d) serial #; e) Manufacturer's name; f) Model #; g) date purchased; and h) date placed into use. Document the usage by patient and department, date dispensed and date returned. Following patient charge procedures to ensure accurate charging for equipment use. In the event of a safety problem with patient care equipment; refer to the facility's Safe Medical Device procedure for reporting medical device problems.

Summary – Patient care equipment is an essential part of treatment for patient care. The CS/SPD Department plays an integral part in the processing and availability of such equipment. Following good policies and procedures for processing of patient care equipment based upon the equipment manufacturer's instructions will help achieve this goal.

ANSWERS TO INSERVICE QUIZ:

- 1-D
- 2-C
- 3-A
- 4-D
- 5-B
- 6-C
- 7-B
- 8-C
- 9-B
- 10-A

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PROCESSING OF PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT QUIZ:

NOTE TO INSTRUCTOR: After providing the Inservice, give and grade the post test. The NICHSPDP requires a passing grade of **70 or better** to receive continuing education credit for this Inservice. Upon successful completion of the post test, **provide each employee with a certificate or other form of verification of passing the post test. DO NOT SEND THE INSERVICE OR TEST TO THE NICHSPDP.** The certificate should remain in the employees' file until this documentation is requested for re-certification. This Inservice has been awarded (1) contact hour towards re-certification.

MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. A feeding pump is returned marked "not working". The pump should be:
 - A) immediately sent for repair
 - B) set aside
 - C) cleaned then sent for repair
 - D) cleaned/disinfected then sent for repair

2. An Emerson pump is used to drain:
 - A) wounds
 - B) oral fluids
 - C) the chest
 - D) the abdomen

3. Before processing patient care equipment, the SPD technician should
 - A) check the equipment manufacturer's instructions
 - B) prepare the departmental disinfection solution
 - C) clean using the department's usual detergent
 - D) disassemble the equipment

4. A Wagenstein suction machine uses
 - A) high suction
 - B) low suction
 - C) continuous suction
 - D) intermittent suction

5. Patient care equipment should be processed:
 - A) as soon as it becomes available
 - B) after each use
 - C) after it is returned to CS/SPD
 - D) after return from repair

6. Safety inspections by CS/SPD technicians include all of the following **EXCEPT**:
 - A) loose legs
 - B) missing third prong grounding pin
 - C) electrical leakage
 - D) frayed cord

7. After disinfection, patient care equipment should be:
 - A) stored
 - B) re-assembled/tested
 - C) sterilized
 - D) distributed

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8. The following information on all patient care equipment should be available to the user if requested:
- A) Manufacturer's sales brochure
 - B) Repair logs
 - C) User Manual
 - D) Departmental policy/procedure for cleaning
9. A record keeping system for each type of patient care equipment should be developed. The log should include all of the following information **EXCEPT**:
- A) name (type) of equipment
 - B) price
 - C) serial number
 - D) equipment manufacturer's name
10. The least expensive means to ensure having patient care equipment when needed would be to:
- A) make frequent rounds of nursing units to pick up soiled equipment
 - B) purchase additional equipment
 - C) borrow from another hospital
 - D) rent equipment

REMINDER TO ALL UPCOMING OCTOBER RE-CERTS!!

Group #1: You were originally certified on 10/17/92, then re-certified in 1997, and are due again this year. Please have your completed re-certification packet in the NICHSPDP office no later than 10/31/02.

Group # 2: You were originally certified on 10/18/97 and are due for re-certification this year. Please have your completed re-certification packet in the NICHSPDP office no later than 10/31/02.