


Preparing for an Accreditation Survey

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Industry Changes Driving SPD & Perioperative Services Functions

- Change!!!
 - Regulatory, federal, local health departments
 - Reimbursement changes
- Technology
 - Robotics in the OR and SPD
- Emerging infectious diseases
 - COVID-19
 - HAI
- Accreditation status
 - Agencies focusing on problem areas
- Publicized cases give the public awareness of the process



How Can a Facility Remain in Readiness Status?


- **Simple Four-step program** to stay in continual readiness mode
- **PEER Methodology** for OR & Sterile Processing Accreditation Survey Success
 - Prepare
 - Examine
 - Educate
 - Rectify



Four-step program: PEER Methodology

Prepare the Team


- Become knowledgeable of all industry standard changes
- Understand the risks and be knowledgeable of all requirements and continuously monitor compliance
- Be equipped with a library of resources and everyone in the department should be familiar with them.
- Regulatory Standards – Local DOH, FDA, CDC
- Professional Standards – AAMI, AORN, HSPA, SGNA, etc.



Four-step program: PEER Methodology

Examine your readiness status

- Conduct risk assessments regularly.
- Review all areas using specific checklist to determine the organization's vulnerabilities.
- Review processes against the policies and procedures to ensure staff is performing the steps listed.
- Are there key performance indicators to measure process consistency and effectiveness?
- Are all required efficacy and efficiency tests performed to ensure the outcome of the process is successful?
- Are the utilities: steam, water quality, temperature, air exchanges and pressure within the guidelines?




Implement Quality Processes

- Develop key performance indicators to measure the quality of the process
- Perform Non-culture tests on endoscopes and instruments
- Inspect instruments for functionality, damage and bioburden
 - Record audits
- Perform equipment maintenance tests
- Record, graph and post key performance indicators




Examine Your Equipment Performance

Do your steam sterilizers look like this?



PEER Collaboration with the Engineering Department


- SPD depends upon the talent and experience of the engineering staff and on the proper function of the equipment used.
- ST79 provides guidance for ensuring that equipment is performing to specification, with (near) validation procedures being defined in ST90.
- Washers and sterilizers require good quality steam and water.
- Share knowledge for Water Quality for washers and manual cleaning referenced in AAMI ST79 and more definitively in AAMI TIR34, "Water for the reprocessing of medical devices"
- If you do, you will have less to worry about the machine performance.



Four-step program: PEER Methodology

Educate

- Utilize the best teaching method for your audience: lecture, reading, or hands-on
- Use small group to develop process methodology
- Learn and teach your teams to understand the standards
- Coach them for success
- Make learning fun!

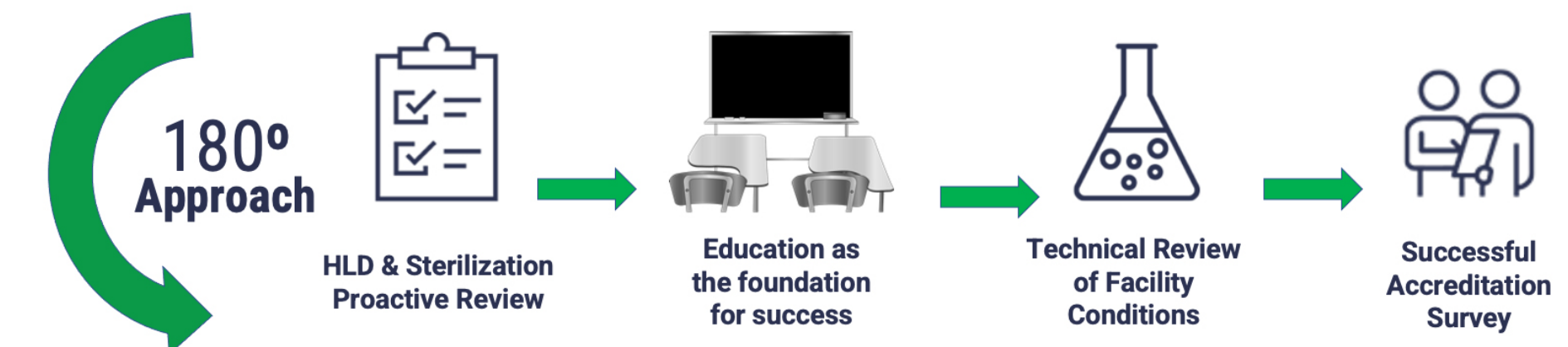


Four-step program: PEER Methodology

Rectify - Remedy

- Identify the areas of improvement
 - Network to get risk assessment audit forms
 - Draft an action plan in priority order
 - Assemble a collaborative team to implement corrective action.
- Proactively make a 180-degree change for success
- Implement quality management processes that incorporates quality audits, accurate recordkeeping, and process consistency
- Create processes that are consistent and can be duplicated


The challenge of getting ready...



180° Approach

HLD & Sterilization Proactive Review → Education as the foundation for success → Technical Review of Facility Conditions → Successful Accreditation Survey

...start the process but using the Simple PEER Four-step program You can stay in continual readiness mode.




The Consequence of Process Failure


As per Joint Commission

- Placing patients at risk for contamination
- Causing potential outbreaks
- Potential loss of Joint Commission accreditation
- Potential loss of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) deeming status
- Bad publicity, lost business, and a damaged reputation
- Litigation

* TJC Quick Safety Issue 33: Improperly sterilized or HLD equipment – a growing problem
https://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/23/qs_33a_2017.pdf



This poster can be found here:
<https://ospecsconsulting.com>



Resources:

Demystifying the sterilization Process – Joint Commission
https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/tjc/documents/accred-and-cert/shc/Demystifying_the_Sterilization_Process.pdf

Quick Safety Issue 64: Ensuring Critical Instruments and Devices Are Appropriate for Use
https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/newsletters/newsletters/quick-safety/quick-safety-issue-64/#ZASQxx_MlHd

Quick Safety Issue 65: Managing Package Sterile Supplies and Devices
https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/newsletters/newsletters/quick-safety/quick-safety-issue-65/#ZASQxx_MlHd

Joint Commission: Do we need to monitor temperature and humidity of the rooms where sterile supplies are stored?
<https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/ambulatory/infection-prevention-and-control/ic/000001275/?p=1>

Joint Commission Resources
<https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/newsletters/newsletters/quick-safety/>