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Let's Meet!

Join us this October at the Atlantic States ASC Conference! Don't miss the opportunity to connect with neighboring surgery centers around the Atlantic Coast and hear from expert national and local ASC speakers! This conference provides valuable information that will enhance the management of your surgery center and leave you feeling energized and inspired. Register today to secure your spot at this must-attend event!

This conference is sponsored by the North Carolina Ambulatory Surgical Center Association, the South Carolina Ambulatory Surgery Center Association, and the Virginia Ambulatory Surgery Association.



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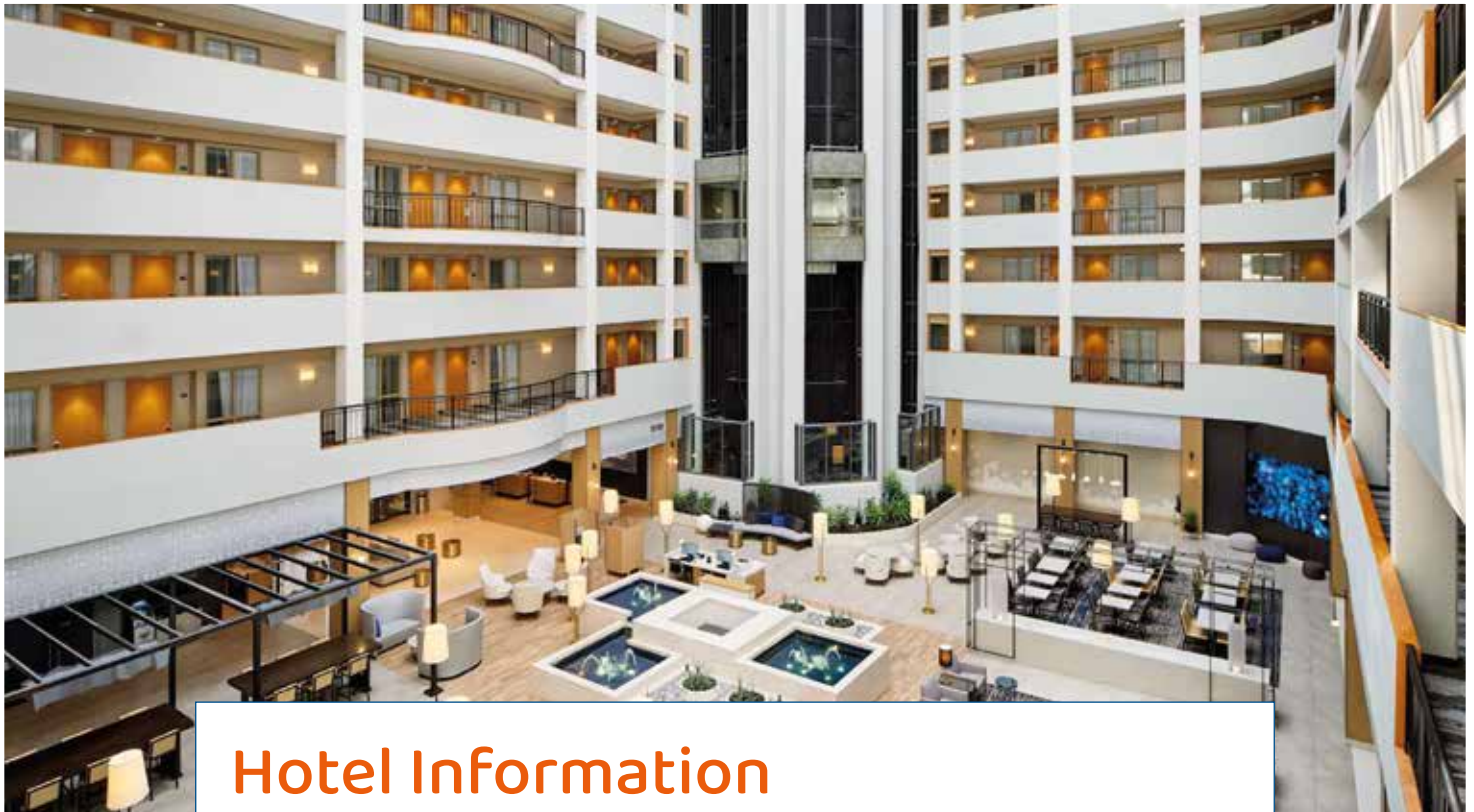
Special Events

Great
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Opportunities!

Welcome Reception with Exhibitors

Thursday, October 8, 2026
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mix and Mingle! Join us for a welcome reception in the Exhibit Hall for food, drinks and fun! Greet colleagues and meet new ones, while exploring a range of products and services from leading companies and organizations in the ASC industry.



Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Research Triangle

Located at 201 Harrison Oaks Boulevard, Cary, North Carolina, The Embassy Suites by Hilton Research Triangle is located 15 minutes from the airport and within easy driving distance of both Raleigh & Durham. The Embassy Suites by Hilton Research Triangle will offer a group rate of \$219 through September 11, 2026, unless the block is full. Look for reservation details in your conference registration confirmation!



Thursday, October 8

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Federal Update

Bill Prentice, JD, ASCA

This session will review current activities and efforts that impact change for ASCs at the national level. Attendees will also hear about the new rules as well as other issues on the horizon.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Medication Management Best Practices in Outpatient Surgery Centers: A Peer Perspective

Moderator: Jason Buchwald, MedServe

*Panelists: Cynthia Burleson, Ambulatory Surgery Center Administrator, Brunswick Surgery Center
Jerry Burleson, Compliance Program Manager & Privacy Officer, Brunswick Surgery Center*

Medication management has become one of the most scrutinized operational areas in ambulatory surgery. As accreditation standards evolve and CMS expectations continue to rise, the operational lift on clinical teams keeps growing. This peer-led panel brings together experienced ASC clinical leaders to share how their centers have approached medication management end-to-end: survey readiness, documentation, controlled substance accountability, and the workflow changes that make compliance sustainable.



11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Buffet Luncheon/Exhibit Hall Opening

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Leading Through the Workforce Shortage: Doing More WITH Less

Heather Lambert, Wellpath

Every leader has heard “do more with less,” but that’s not a strategy; it’s a sentence. This session is about what actually works: protecting your high performers from becoming your next resignations, getting ruthlessly clear on priorities, building the muscle to say no, and finding resources and capacity where none seemed to exist. For leaders who are tired of being told to just figure it out.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Individual State Meetings



2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall

Agenda



3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AAAHC Compliance

David Shapiro, MD, CHC, CHCQM, CHPRM, LHRM

Survey preparation can be a difficult task for even the most experienced ASC professional. This session will describe the current set of AAAHC standards for both Medicare and accreditation surveys. The focus will be on a discussion of commonly cited deficiencies and strategies to achieve clinical and administrative compliance in your ASC.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Role of the Infection Preventionist in the ASC

Tina DiMarino DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE, CASC, CNOR, Ambulatory Strategies, Inc.

This session explores the multifaceted responsibilities of the Infection Preventionist (IP) in the ambulatory surgical setting. We will examine the critical oversight required to maintain a robust Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program, including developing an annual Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) and an integrated infection control plan. Attendees will gain insight into the IP's role in navigating regulatory compliance (CMS, CDC, APIC standards), conducting active surveillance, and fostering a culture of safety through staff education, QAPI integration, and timely response to emerging infectious risks.



5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception with Exhibitors

Friday, October 9



7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Life Safety: What Surveyors Cite, What Surveyors Miss, and What the Code Really Says

Dustin Philips, Dustin Phillips Consulting

This session will discuss commonly cited Life Safety and Environment of Care deficiencies in Ambulatory Surgery Centers, along with compliance issues that may exist during routine operations but are not always recognized or enforced during surveys. Attendees will also review examples of code requirements that are sometimes incorrectly applied to existing facilities and gain practical insight into understanding code intent and survey expectations.



9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall



Friday, October 9

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

AI in the ASC Business Office

Mat Giladi, AmbuSun

ASC business offices face growing challenges, including rising payer denials, evolving coding requirements, and labor-intensive workflows that reduce productivity. Traditional billing systems often leave teams reacting to problems instead of preventing them. This session explores how AI-native revenue cycle solutions can automate key business office functions, helping predict, prevent, and resolve common financial challenges before they impact the bottom line.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

QAPI Success: Creating Measurable Improvement in Your ASC

Gayle Evans, RN, MBA, CNOR, CASC, Continuum Healthcare Consultants, Inc.

The goal of Quality Improvement studies is to provide an opportunity for enhancing the patient experience, improving safety and monitoring the financial stability of the ASC. Utilizing the Quality Improvement process guides the ASC in identifying everyday areas for improvement that are measurable and attainable. Identifying the format or template to develop analyze the data is important for meaningful results. We will review areas of the ASC where quality initiatives might be and how to collect and evaluate the data.

11:45 a.m.

Closing Remarks



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☐ Registration after August 23, 2026 \$575/person

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