

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 Opening

**Reggie Barnes, VACS Interim
President**

**09:15-09:45 Advancing Sterilization
Assurance**

Learning Objectives:

- Review the evolution of Bowie-Dick testing and equipment monitoring
- Discuss best practices and new innovations

09:45-10:15 Every Load Matters

Learning Objectives

- Review the key risks of surgical infections
- Explain the rationale for every load monitoring (ELM)

10:15-10:30 Break

**10:30-11:30 A Deeper Understanding
of What's Happening in the Magic
Box**

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the basic principles of vaporized hydrogen peroxide (VH₂O₂) sterilization
- Describe quality assurance monitoring tools for the VH₂O₂ sterilization process in healthcare facilities

11:30-11:45 Break

**11:45-12:45 Bring It On! VH₂O₂
Gamification**

Learning Objectives:

- Examine the basic chemistry of vaporized hydrogen peroxide (VH₂O₂) sterilization in healthcare
- Illustrate the basic function of vaporized hydrogen peroxide sterilizers (VHO₂O) in healthcare

12:45-1:30 Lunch (provided)

**01:30-2:30 Water Management in
Sterile Processing: Water Quality
and Processing Equipment**

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of how water impacts Sterile Processing
- Establish the importance of connecting monitoring and testing to a water management program

2:30-2:45 Break

**2:45-3:45 Water Management in Sterile
Processing – What You Need to Know**

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of managing water in Sterile Processing
- Evaluate key considerations for Sterile Processing operations to achieve alignment with published standards and guidelines

**3:45-4:45 Water Management in Sterile
Processing – Building Your Water
Management Program**

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of managing water in MDR
- Evaluate the proper locations and frequency of validating the performance of your water management program

4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks/Certificates

Speakers for the day:

Sarah Sholes Antonelli, BA, CSPDT, CFER

Sarah Antonelli is currently a Clinical Specialist for the Medical Solutions Division of 3M. Specifically, she provides technical support for the Atlantic and Southeast regions for solutions related to Hygiene Management, Electrode Monitoring & Sterilization. Sarah is certified as a Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician as well as a Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor. She is a member of HSPA and APIC. Her previous work experience includes nearly 20 years in healthcare including sales, management and training in the pharmaceutical and medical supply industry.

Adam Kirmes

Adam joined Phigenics in 2014 as an Account Manager for the Northeast Region. Throughout his 10-year tenure, Adam has built a reputation for developing innovative and reliable water management solutions for protecting capital assets, reducing operating expenses, and ensuring defensible best practices. He has developed comprehensive water management programs for all facets of the water management industry, including government and commercial healthcare facilities, surgery centers, manufacturing plants, pharmaceuticals, universities, and other commercial businesses.

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