AORN

- The new and revised AORN Guidelines for 2018 edition include:
  - **New** — Guideline for Team Communication — The new guideline provides guidance for improving perioperative team communication through a culture of safety.
  - **Updated** — Guideline for Medical Device and Product Evaluation — The updated and retitled guideline provides more detailed evidence-based guidance to perioperative team members for implementing a standardized evaluation approach to selecting medical devices and products for use in the perioperative setting.
  - **Updated** — Guideline for Manual Chemical High-Level Disinfection — The updated and retitled guideline changes focus to address safe manual chemical high-level disinfection of reusable semi-critical items, while also discussing the evidence-based rationale for using automated HLD as a superior method to protect patients and personnel.

AORNs National Conference begins this Saturday, March 24 in New Orleans

IAHCSMM

- IAHCSMMs National Conference begins Saturday, May in Phoenix, AZ. Among the highlights will be an all day workshop on proper endoscope reprocessing, including a opening address by Cori Ofstead.

SGNA

- SGNAs national conference is in Orlando, FL beginning May 19th with pre-conference sessions.

APIC

- APICs national conference is in Minneapolis, MN the week of June 11.

CSA has a new standard, Z314 Canadian Medical Device Reprocessing that was developed by the Technical Committee on Medical Device Reprocessing. This document combines content from the CSA Z314 series on medical device reprocessing.  

ASTM D12

- The first Main Committee Ballot of ASTM WK58652, Standard Guide for Characterizing Detergents Intended to Clean Medical Devices closed on March 2nd. Comments and negative ballots were received. These will be taken up by the collaborative task group to address and resolve in preparation of the next draft for ballot.  
(https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK58652.htm )
ASTM F02, Primary Barrier Packaging

- ASTM International’s committee on primary barrier packaging (F02) has approved a new guide (F3263) that will help validate test methods for packaging on medical devices. This will help professionals who specify certain packaging as well as those who regularly test packaging, ultimately helping support quality and safety of products. [https://www.astm.org/Standards/F3263.htm](https://www.astm.org/Standards/F3263.htm)
- F02 will meet April 4 & 5th in San Diego
- In addition, F02 committee will meet October 3-4 in Nice, France.

ASTM F04, Medical Devices, meets the week of May 21 in San Diego. Among the significant work items in development:

- The ballot period for two standard guides (WK53082 and WK57049) for characterizing the performance of brush parts intended to clean medical devices closed March 5. The comments and negative ballots received will be addressed during the May meeting. [https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK53082.htm](https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK53082.htm), [https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK57049.htm](https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK57049.htm)
- The ballot period for two work items related methods for the application and extraction of test soils for cleaning validations (WK57707 & WK60064) also closed on March 5. Those comments and negative ballots will also be taken up during the May meeting. [https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK57707.htm](https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK57707.htm)

ASTM F23 Protective Apparel met in January in New Orleans.

- Isolation Gowns (WK57933) - the subcommittee ballot was just completed where a number of key updates were made. [https://myastm.astm.org/CUSTOMERS/filtrexx40.cgi?WORKITEMS/WK57933.htm](https://myastm.astm.org/CUSTOMERS/filtrexx40.cgi?WORKITEMS/WK57933.htm)
- F739 & F1383 are undergoing revision. These addresses test methods to measure permeability of liquids and gases through PPE under conditions of continuous contact of clothing material. [https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK59395.htm](https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK59395.htm)
- F1670 & F1671 Blood penetration tests may also undergo review and revision.
- Two test methods related to puncture resistance F2878 (hypodermic needles) and F1342 (resistance to puncture) are up for renewal and changes are being balloted. [https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK57801.htm](https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK57801.htm), [https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK55618.htm](https://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK55618.htm)