

Gulf States ASC Conference & Tradeshow  
June 17-19, 2026, The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans

~ Schedule of Events~

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

**4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Attendee Registration

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Network Reception and Exhibit Hall Opening

**Thursday, June 18, 2026**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.**

Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

**8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Federal Focus**

*Bill Prentice, JD, Ambulatory Surgery Center Association*

**9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

Refreshment Break/Networking in the Exhibit Hall

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**CMS Survey Prep and Top Violations**

*Mary Ryan, RN, BSN, MBA, CASC, CAIP, Amblitel*

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**How to Engage in Difficult Conversations**

*Geri Eaves, BSN, RN, CASC, CNOR, Bone and Joint Institute of TN Surgery Center*

**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Buffet Luncheon in the Exhibit Hall

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Breakout Sessions**

**A. Surveying a Sterile Processing Department**

*Deltra Austin, BS, CHL, CRCST, CST, STERIS*

**B. Accounts Receivable Management – Lessons from the Trenches**

*Leah Ethridge, MBA, Surgical Management Associates*

**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Medication Management & Drug Diversion Prevention**

*Alex Yampolsky, PharmD, MBA, MedServe*

**4:00 p.m.**

**State Breakouts**

**Friday, June 19, 2026**

**7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

Networking Breakfast

**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Keynote**

*Heather Lambert, Wellpath*

**9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Refreshment Break

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Infection Control Checklist**

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

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Anesthesia Challenges and Solutions**

*Doug Jackson, SCA Health*

**12:00 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**