

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

~ Schedule of Events~

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

<b>4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>	Attendee Registration
<b>5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>	Network Reception and Exhibit Hall Opening
<b><u>Thursday, June 18, 2026</u></b>	
<b>7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.</b>	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
<b>8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Federal Focus</b> <i>Bill Prentice, JD, Ambulatory Surgery Center Association</i>
<b>9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</b>	Refreshment Break/Networking in the Exhibit Hall
<b>10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>CMS Survey Prep and Top Violations</b> <i>Mary Ryan, RN, BSN, MBA, CASC, CAIP, Amblitel</i>
<b>11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>How to Engage in Difficult Conversations</b> <i>Geri Eaves, BSN, RN, CASC, CNOR, Bone and Joint Institute of TN Surgery Center</i>
<b>12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	Buffet Luncheon in the Exhibit Hall
<b>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> A. <b>Surveying a Sterile Processing Department</b> <i>Deltra Austin, BS, CHL, CRCST, CST, STERIS</i>
	B. <b>Accounts Receivable Management – Lessons from the Trenches</b> <i>Leah Ethridge, MBA, Surgical Management Associates</i>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Medication Management &amp; Drug Diversion Prevention</b> <i>Alex Yampolsky, PharmD, MBA, MedServe</i>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>State Breakouts</b>
<b><u>Friday, June 19, 2026</u></b>	
<b>7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b>	Networking Breakfast
<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Keynote</b> <i>Heather Lambert, Wellpath</i>
<b>9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	Refreshment Break
<b>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Infection Control Checklist</b> <i>Tina DiMarino, DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE, CASC, CNOR Ambulatory Strategies, Inc..</i>
<b>11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Anesthesia Challenges and Solutions</b> <i>Doug Jackson, SCA Health</i>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>