



# TASCA

Tennessee Ambulatory Surgery Center Association

# TASCA FALL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

Hilton Knoxville  
September 24-25, 2026



Advancing  
ASCs



Creating  
Connections



Exploring  
Opportunities

# A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY

The **TASCA Fall Conference and Trade Show** is the perfect opportunity for ASC professionals to network and learn from industry experts. With a wide variety of vendors and educational sessions, there is something for everyone at this conference. Attendees can discover new strategies to improve their center's operations, learn about the latest industry trends, and find new products and services to enhance their center's offerings. Whether you are a first-time attendee or a long-time participant, the TASCA Fall Conference is your best choice for ASC education!

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Jessica Bush, MHA, BSN, RN, CAPA, CPXP, CPC, Real Change RN Consulting*

Jessica is the Founder and CEO of Real Change RN Consulting, with over 20 years of nursing and leadership experience. A Certified Ambulatory Peri-Anesthesia Nurse, Certified Patient Experience Professional, and Certified Maxwell Leadership Coach, she blends clinical expertise with leadership strategies to improve patient care. Known for her authenticity and inspiration, Jessica delivers keynote speeches, patient care models, professional workshops, and coaching that empower healthcare leaders to elevate the patient experience and renew the spirit of care in healthcare.



## CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Hilton Knoxville is East Tennessee's Jewel. This full-service, 18-story high rise hotel enjoys a prime location in the center of the downtown historic district, just over 1 block to Market Square. Come experience the unique brand of Southern hospitality. Enjoy a dip in the rooftop swimming pool, or a leisurely afternoon on the sundeck. Take advantage of the expanded exercise facility, featuring the latest equipment and flat screen televisions or explore the area's exceptional greenways and trails with seasonal Bicycle Rentals.

TASCA has a group rate of \$199 available until August 31st unless the block is full. Reservation information will be available in your registration confirmation.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Thursday September 24

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

### Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

### Regulatory and Quality Measure Reporting Update for ASCs

*Gina Throneberry, RN, MBA, CASC, CNOR, ASCA*

This session will provide information on issues that have and will be affecting the ASC industry on both the state and federal levels. These issues will include an update of the modification(s) to regulations, as well as quality measure reporting.

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

### Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

### What is Credentialing and Privileging?

*Michael Powers, MBA, RRT, Children's West Surgery Center*

In this session we will review the components of this program along with why credentialing, privileging, and peer review matter. Practical definitions and approaches to this process will be discussed.

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

### Lunch in Exhibit Hall

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### AAAHC Top Survey Citations

*Tina DiMarino, DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE, CASC, CNOR*

*Ambulatory Strategies, Inc.*

This session will cover the latest in AAAHC Top Survey Citations that have risen over the last year. This lecture will include strategies for their mitigation and cover areas such as Credentialing, Privileging, Sterilization, High-level disinfection, Quality and Risk programs and Instructions for use. A forecast for what is coming in the future will also be discussed.

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

*Dustin Phillips, 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.

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Hot Topics in the ASC Industry

*Beth Russell, MS, RN, Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic*

Join this session to discuss numerous factors impacting the daily operations of your ASC.

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Networking Event at Maple Hall

## Friday September 25

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

### Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

### Membership Meeting & Legislative Update

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

### Elevating Care: The 5 Leadership Practices of a 5-Star Patient Experience

*Jessica Bush, MHA, BSN, RN, CAPA, CPXP, CPC*

*Real Change RN Consulting*

As patient experience becomes a key driver of reputation, sustainability, and market differentiation, leaders are being called to lead differently. Achieving a five-star experience starts with leadership. This session challenges leaders to reflect on their leadership style while exploring five essential practices that build teams delivering exceptional patient experiences. Attendees will gain fresh perspectives to inspire change, strengthen outcomes, and enhance their competitive edge in today's transparent healthcare environment.

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### Refreshment Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### Headline: The News You're Missing: Translating Numbers into Narratives

*Christopher Hendon, Community Health Partners*

Every month, your ASC "publishes" a story about its health, its risks, and its future. Just as a newspaper keeps you informed about your community's scandals and triumphs, your financial statements hold the essential headlines of your surgery center. This session breaks down the balance sheet and income statement for non-accounting professionals, stripping away the jargon to reveal the real-world stories beneath the data. Learn how to navigate your reports like a seasoned editor and never miss a "breaking story" in your facility again.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Infection Control Top Citations

*Laurie Roderiques, RN, BSN, CNOR, CAIP, CASC, LNC Ambulatory*

*Healthcare Strategies*

Every year we hear about the top survey citations reported by accreditation organization and state accreditations, many of which relate to infection control. This session will focus on those findings and discuss ways to work towards improvement.

12:00 p.m.

### Conclusion of Meeting

#### CE Information:

Provider approved by the California Board of Nursing, Provider Number 17093 for 8 contact hours.

This activity approved for 8.0 AEU credits and 2 IPCHs from BASC.



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### If you can only attend one meeting this year, make it the TASCA Fall Conference!

- Advance your center and your career!
- Create connections with other ASC industry professionals!
- Trending topics for the busy administrator!

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Please make copies of this form for additional registrants if you are not registering online with a credit card.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes all presentations Thursday & Friday, Thursday & Friday Breakfast, Thursday Lunch, Thursday night reception and Trade Show access.

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR REGISTRATION PREFERENCE	Early Registration Rate (on/prior to August 31)	Regular Registration Rate (after August 31)
Conference - Full Registration Member	\$475 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$550 <input type="checkbox"/>
Conference - Full Registration Non Member	\$700 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$775 <input type="checkbox"/>

### CONFERENCE PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Credit Card: Register online at [www.tasca.org](http://www.tasca.org).
- Check enclosed. Please make checks payable to the TASCA.

If you would like to pay with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or AMEX), please register online at [www.tasca.org](http://www.tasca.org). If paying by check please make checks payable to TASCA and mail along with the form to: TASCA, c/o Lanigan & Associates, 314 Gordon Avenue, Thomasville, GA 31792.

### REFUND POLICY

Written notification is required for all refunds and must be received by the TASCA office by August 31, 2026. Written refund requests received by August 31, 2026 will receive a refund minus a \$25 administrative fee.

### SPECIAL NEEDS

Please call the TASCA office at 888.526.9450 by August 31, 2026 if you require any special accommodations or assistance.

### QUESTIONS

Contact TASCA at 888.526.9450. For more information on the TASCA Conference and hotel accommodations visit [www.tasca.org](http://www.tasca.org) or [tammy@ascmember.org](mailto:tammy@ascmember.org).



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