

SDSMA Messenger

Meet your State Officers



Meet your SDSMA President!

Hey there!! My name is Susan Hookie. I am married to Scott, and we have two boys, Brady (20) and Blake (almost 17). We have a Border collie, Bently and a FAT cat, Curry! We have lived in Baltic for almost 23 years now. My hometown was Howard, SD. I graduated from LATI in May 1995 and have spent my entire career working at Urology Specialists Chartered in Sioux Falls. (I was just a baby when I started) In my spare time, I enjoy watching any/all activities by boys are in, cheer my husband on at BBQ competitions, making fun things on my Cricut and spending as much time with friends/family as possible. I have worked in all areas of our clinic. I started my career at the front desk, then to the business office, then to the nursing staff, then to being the "clinical lead" for our practice. I am the primary CMA for Dr. Arend and have been for almost 15 years! How time flies in the Urology world!!

I joined the SDSMA (was Sioux Empire Chapter of MA when I joined) in 1995 and the friendships that I have gained over the last 28 years is immeasurable!!!

Get to know your SDSMA Secretary!!

Hi! I am Alexius Thorpe, your State MA secretary. I am originally from North Dakota but moved to South Dakota after attending Lake Area Tech. I have been a medical assistant for 3 years. My graduating MA class did not actually get to walk across the stage due to COVID so I was able to celebrate with my Assisted Living residents at the time. Our class was the last class to attend LATI before it became LATC. I decided to become a medical assistant after I went to the clinic one day and was roomed by one and realized how much they could do. My boyfriend and I recently decided to settle our roots in Faulkton, SD and join a 9-week old puppy to our family. In my free time I enjoy making quilts and reading. I can't wait to bring new ideas to the board and members.

Meet your SDSMA Vice President!!!

Hi! My name is Amanda Schroeder. I always knew I wanted to help people growing up but I didn't know how I would do that. I have been a Medical Assistant for 9 years. I have worked in Orthopedics, Gastroenterology, Insurance Review and I now work for the State of South Dakota Department of Social Services. I have been an active member of the AAMA/Sioux Empire Chapter since joining in 2014. In 2016 I joined to Sioux Empire chapter as the Treasurer until 2018 when I new group of wonderful ladies took over the board. In my free time I am spending time with my husband Luke, daughter (Raegan 10 months) and Dog (Waylon 5 years). We also enjoy spending time with our family and friends at the river along with other outdoor actives. I am very excited to be the new Vice President.

Your Meet your SDSMA Treasurer!!

Hello everyone, my name is Chelsea Wagaman. A little bit about myself, I have been a Medical Assistant for about 6 years and have completed my Bachelor of Science as well. I have experience in several different specialties including aesthetics, ear nose and throat, pulmonary and sleep medicine, as well as men and women's functional medicine. I am currently an instructor for the Phlebotomy and Allied Health Programs at Southeast Technical College. In my free time, you can catch me spending time with my husband David and two kiddos, Adella (4) and Kye (11months). We enjoy most things outdoors with being in the garden and on the river some of our favorites. I am excited to be here and to be the new Treasurer! I look forward to serving in this new role.

Early Bird Special

If you sign up for AAMA membership between July 1, 2023, and Oct. 31, 2023 (before midnight), you will receive an \$8 discount! (Discount does not apply to student members.) You also will receive access to a free online CE course via the AAMA e-Learning Center.



Medical Assistants Recognition Week
October 16-20, 2023
Medical Assistants Recognition Day
October 18, 2023

2023 Excel Awards

Excel Awards Won:

Membership Retention, Community Service, Marketing, Promotion, and Recruitment

MA Employer of the Year:

Urology Specialists



CMA Today is now going to be know as Medical Assisting Today

Need additional CEU's?

Make sure to check out the AAMA website and our Facebook page for CEU's

Students can use 20 CEU's earned 90 days prior to testing towards certification.

News from the AAMA

In August, 2023 Donald A. Balasa talks about how nurses should authorize to medical assistants.

The AAMA supports medical assistants' scope-of-practice rights. This includes advocating for the enactment of laws that allow licensed independent providers to delegate to medical assistants who are appropriately educated and currently credentialed advanced tasks (e.g., administering intramuscular, intradermal, and subcutaneous injections, including vaccines).

Recently, the Delaware and South Dakota Boards of Nursing have published amendments to their regulations that would allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to delegate to knowledgeable and competent medical assistants who have met specified education and certification requirements certain types of administration of medication.

STC Symposium December 2, 2023

The admission cost will be item(s) for the STC Food Pantry. Attached is a short list of things, but we will gladly accept any nonperishable food item and personal hygiene products donated.

- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Rice
- Mac and Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Meat
- Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Toilet Paper
- Any Personal Hygiene Products
- Cash Donations

Schedule and List of Topics

8:30-9:30 Disability services

9:30-11:30 Poverty Simulation

11:30-12:00 Lunch

12:00-2:00 Bringing Injury Prevention to Your Community.

Session 1: Fire and Fall Safety in the Home- Using Partners in the Community.

Session 2: Bleeding Control prior to EMS- Implementing Community Stop the Bleed Classes.

Please email Lindsey.Emly@southeasttech.edu to register

State Convention

March 21-23, 2024

More information to come

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