

# Newsletter

## CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

### CA-SAPRESIDENT VISITS RONALDREAGANUCLAMEDICAL CENTER

**TEAMWORK  
MAKES  
THE  
DREAM**

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**TEAMWORK MOTIVATES UNITY  
IN THE WORKPLACE**

**TEAMWORK OFFERS DIFFERING  
PERSPECTIVES AND FEEDBACK**

**TEAMWORK PROVIDES  
EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY**

**TEAMWORK PROVIDES GREAT  
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

**TEAMWORK PROMOTES  
WORKPLACE SYNERGY**

February 2018, CA-SA President Fernando Mendoza, CST, visited Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, emphasizing the importance of Certification, teamwork, along with continued development and

dedication to the Surgical Technology Profession. Mr. Mendoza explained that Certification provides Empowerment and Pride in the Profession. He stated, "That while every Surgical Technologist is strong individually, our profession relies on teamwork which can only be achieved through communication, trust, and supporting one another". The Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center visit was a great success and well received. CA-SA is seeking continued opportunities to speak with Surgical Technologists, Facilities and their Affiliates and Educational Institutions.

Special thanks to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA.

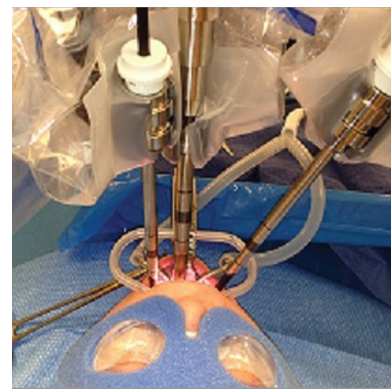
If you would like CA-SA to visit, please see our website at <http://www.ast-ca.org>



## **"TransOral Robotic Surgery" Workshop, a Great Success!**

March 2018, CA-SA presented a Robotic Workshop on "TransOral Robotic Surgery" held at Keck Medical Center of USC, Los Angeles, CA. Guest speaker Dr. Niels Kokot, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology (Head & Neck Surgery) of the USC Tina and Rick Caruso Department of Otolaryngology, presented a lecture on "TransOral Robotic Surgery - Resection of Oropharyngeal Cancer, Past Present and Future". Concluding the lecture, participants suited up for the operating room where discussion and demonstration of practical considerations and procedural aspects featuring the DaVinci XI™ and Da Vinci SI™. Topics covered included case preparation, draping of the robotic manipulators, surgical set-up, instrumentation, patient positioning, along with basic troubleshooting skills.

Special thanks to Mr. John Springer, CST, CA-SA Vice President, Dr. Niel Kokot - Associate Professor of Otolaryngology of Keck USC, Ms. Connie Bell, CST, Treasurer of the NBSTSA Board of Directors, all workshop attendees and Keck Medical Center USC, Los Angeles, CA.



Future Workshops or Workshop suggestions, please see our website:

<http://www.ast-ca.org>

**Robotic  
"TransOral"  
Workshop**



A guest appearance from Connie Bell, CST, EAST, Treasurer of the NBSTSA Board of Directors affirming the importance of Certification. "Becoming certified and proactive within your professional organization is paramount", Bell stated.



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**PRE-REGISTRATION**

## **2018 Annual Conference**

**California State  
Assembly**

**Association of Surgical  
Technologists**

**This year's event will be held:**

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**at the**

**Double Tree by Hilton  
San Pedro, California**



**CA-SA 2018  
ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

**Pre-Registration is available Now:**

**<https://www.fb.com/events/177798306273886/>**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

# NOTHIN' BUT SAND

## BEACH CLEAN-UP 2018

CA-SA along with Fellow Surgical Technology Ambassadors, along with attended "Beach Clean-Up 2018" June 16th in Venice Beach, California. There were over 500 volunteers with 145 lbs. of

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JINNIE GARDINER, CST,  
CSFA, FAST, SURGICAL  
TECHNOLOGY  
STUDENTS AND FELLOW  
AMBASSADORS**

trash collected.

The event was a great success!



Patrick Bunch, CST, CA-SA Treasurer, Fernando Mendoza, CST, CA-SA President, Roger Orellana, Surgical Technology Student Ambassador, Jinnie Gardiner, CST, CSFA, FAST, CA-SA Surgical Technology Ambassador, Sarah Cruikshank, CST, CA-SA Board of Directors.

## Are You Certified?

CST's are Certified Surgical Technologists highly trained in sterile technique and operative instrumentation, maintaining continuing education on the latest operative procedures and techniques.

The CST™ credential is supported by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST).

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Surgical Technologist, please contact:

**The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST)**

<http://www.ast.org>

or

**The California State Assembly (CA-SA)**

**Association of Surgical Technologists**

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**GLENDALE CAREER**

July 21, 2018

CA-SA Board Meeting



**CA-SA WEBSITE**

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**SEPT 16-22, 2018**

National  
Surgical  
Technology  
Week

**OCTOBER 13, 2018**

2018  
CA-SA  
Annual  
Conference

**WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!**

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