



## 3M<sup>SM</sup> Health Care Academy

# COVID -19: Best Practice and Sterilisation Quality Assurance

Join us for an online webinar with Terry McAuley, Director of Steam Consulting Pty Ltd.

This webinar will examine the impact COVID-19 has had on the way that health facilities are approaching reprocessing of reusable medical devices in terms of protecting the health and wellbeing of Sterilising Technicians as they perform essential tasks in the workplace. The increased emphasis on workplace health and safety and the concern regarding the risks of transmission of SARS CoV-2 during operative procedures and medical device reprocessing has in some cases modified the way that work is undertaken. Despite these new challenges, it is essential that Sterilisation Quality Assurance and our goal of Prevention Surgical Site Infection remains at the forefront of our everyday practices to ensure quality outcomes for our patients.

### Objectives/Agenda:

- Outline the main transmission pathways for SARS CoV-2
- Don and Doff PPE correctly to minimize risks for transmission of infectious agents during medical device reprocessing
- Discuss the role of Sterilising Technicians in the Prevention of Surgical Site Infections (SSI)
- Describe best practices in Sterilisation Quality Assurance Processes

Date	Time
Friday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	1.30pm – 2.30PM AEST

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### Speaker BIO:

Terry McAuley has extensive experience as an independent infection prevention and sterilisation consultant in her own business, STEAM Consulting Pty Ltd. In this capacity, she has conducted training and consultancy reviews of hospital based sterilising services, day procedure centers, dental, podiatry and general office-based practices and performed statewide audits for various Australian Departments of Health. She represents the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control on the Australian Standards Committee responsible for AS/NZS 4187 Reprocessing Reusable Medical Devices in Health Service Organisations and the sister Standard AS/NZS 4815 applicable to office-based practice.