

Multidisciplinary Surgical Leadership & OR Management Symposium 2026	
Mayo Clinic Integrated Education and Research Building, Phoenix, Arizona	
February 19-21, 2026	
Day 1	Thursday, February 19, 2026
11:30 AM	Arrival, Registration, Exhibits & Light lunch
12:30 PM	Opening Comments: Why Lead in the Operating Room? David A. Etzioni, M.D., M.S.H.S.
12:50 PM	High-Reliability Organization Culture in the Operating Rooms Marisa J. Liepman, M.H.A., BSN, R.N.
1:10 PM	State of the Anesthesiology Workforce Molly B. Kraus, M.D.
We Just Implemented...	
1:30 PM	Apella Steven P. Petrou, M.D. and Alexis T. Kainz, M.H.A.
1:45 PM	LeanTaas Beau W. Tordsen and Amber L. Wirkus, M.S.N, R.N., N.E.-B.C.
2:00 PM	Epic Marketplace Tara C. Krosch, M.D.
2:15 PM	Qventus Ross F. Goldberg, M.D., Sunitha M. Abraham D.N.P., M.B.A., M.S.L., R.N., C.N.O.R.
2:30 PM	Discussion/Roundtable/Panel/Q&A Moderator: David A. Etzioni, M.D., M.S.H.S.
3:00 PM	Break and Exhibits
Block Allocation – How We Do It	
3:15 PM	Mayo Clinic Arizona Mark D. Tyson, M.D.
3:25 PM	Within a Health System... Tara C. Krosch, M.D., Rachel A. Gothot, M.H.A.
3:35 PM	University of Minnesota Genevieve B. Melton-Meaux, M.D., Ph.D.
3:45 PM	Jackson Memorial Ross F. Goldberg, M.D.
3:55 PM	Questions – How do you handle it when...Panel/Q&A Moderator: David A. Etzioni, M.D., M.S.H.S.

Operating Room Leadership	
4:40 PM	Next Generation Nursing: Driving Change Through Innovation and Technology Jessica N. Charles, D.N.P., M.S.N., R.N., N.E.-B.C.
5:10 PM	Adjourn

Day 2	Friday, February 20, 2026
7:00 AM	Optional Non-CME Product Theater:
7:00 AM	Breakfast and Exhibits
Operating Room Leadership	
8:00 AM	Introductory Comments Ross F. Goldberg, M.D.
8:05 AM	The Big, Beautiful Bill – Impact on Reimbursement for Surgical Services Peter W. Nichols, M.D.
Informatics, AI and the OR	
8:45 AM	How EPIC Data are Structured, Behind the Scenes Melana K. Elliot
9:00 AM	Informatics and How Applied AI Can Make Hospital Care Easier Genevieve B. Melton-Meaux, M.D., Ph.D.
9:30 AM	Ransomware Preparedness Jeff R. Ziegler, M.A.
9:50 AM	Using Microsoft Teams to Communicate Between Pathology and the OR Alexis T. Kainz, M.H.A.
10:05 AM	Panel/Q&A Moderator: Ross F. Goldberg, M.D.
10:20 AM	Break and Exhibits
Work Smarter, Not Harder	
10:35 AM	Arthroplasty 2.0 Matthew P. Abdel, M.D.
11:00 AM	Perianesthesia: Preventing Problems Before They Are Problems

	Michelle L. Sauve, M.S.N., R.N., C.P.A.N.
11:15 AM	Procedural Areas - Specific Considerations Sunitha M. Abraham, D.N.P., MBA, M.S.L., R.N., C.N.O.R.
11:30 AM	Burnout and Wellbeing Caitlin M. Oless, R.N.
11:45 AM	Panel/Q&A Moderator: Ross F. Goldberg, M.D.
Operating Room Leadership	
12:05 PM	Greening the Operating Room Patricia A. Sylla, M.D.
12:45 PM	Day 2 Summary David A. Etzioni, M.D., M.S.H.S.
12:50 PM	Lunch / Optional Non-CME Product Theater:
1:50 PM	Adjourn

Day 3	Saturday, February 21, 2026
7:00 AM	Optional Non-CME Product Theater:
7:00 AM	Breakfast and Exhibits
Operating Room Leadership	
8:00 AM	Opening Comments Ross F. Goldberg, M.D.
8:05 AM	Critical Access Hospitals – How Their Needs Differ Chris H. Hasse, Ph.D.
Focus on CSPD	
8:35 AM	Central Sterile – The Achilles Heel of Your OR Peter W. Nichol, M.D.
8:55 AM	Stepping into a Role in CSPD – Here’s what I didn’t realize... Cindy R. Sneller D.N.P., R.N., C.N.S., N.E.A.-B.C., C.E.N., C.S.S.B.B.
9:15 AM	Making Central Sterile Work Adam J. Vazquez, B.F.A., C.S.P.D.T.
9:35 AM	Panel/Q&A Moderator: Sunitha M. Abraham, D.N.P., M.B.A., M.S.L., R.N., C.N.O.R.
9:55 AM	Break and Exhibits
Staff and Capital – Managing your Most Important Resources	
10:10 AM	OR Capital Planning: Anticipating Short & Long Term Needs Beau W. Tordsen and Erik T. Hill, M.H.A.
10:30 AM	What’s new in Robotic Surgery Platforms Staci E. Beamer, M.D.
10:50 AM	Everything you need to know about Anesthesia Finances David Rosenfeld, M.D.
11:10 AM	Break and Exhibits
Quality – Measuring It, Improving It	
11:25 AM	How does USNWR Actually Work? David A. Etzioni, M.D., M.S.H.S.
11:40 AM	Improving Outcomes One Patient at a Time Dan M. Frendl, M.D.
11:55 AM	Joint Commission Regulations – The Window is Open! Melanie A. Ryan, J.D.
12:10 PM	Disasters! Effective Management of The Periop Disaster Sunny Khurmi, M.D.
12:25 PM	Panel/Q&A Moderator: Mark D. Tyson, M.D.

12:40 PM	Closing Comments David A. Etzioni, M.D., M.S.H.S., Ross F. Goldberg, M.D.
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