



GO CLEAR AWARD™

SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION RECOGNITION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

AORN partnered with Medtronic through the AORN Foundation to create a comprehensive Surgical Smoke-Free Recognition Program for facilities that want to ensure a smoke-free environment. The Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety Smoke Evacuation program will guide you on this step-by-step journey to Go Clear™.

1. MEET THE PREREQUISITES

Before beginning your initiative, you must commit to a smoke-free environment in the OR and secure leadership support.

2. IDENTIFY THE FACILITY COORDINATOR & IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

The implementation team is responsible for starting and sustaining the smoke-free initiative. Gather a diverse group who are role models, have strong leadership skills, and a positive outlook.

3. HOLD A KICKOFF MEETING

Review the program goals, team roles and responsibilities, and the required time commitment to ensure success.

4. PERFORM THE GAP ANALYSIS

The Gap Analysis tool will measure the current percentage of surgical procedures evacuating surgical smoke, the number of smoke evacuators, and current usage of smoke evacuation soft goods. Use the results of the gap analysis to determine your need for additional equipment.

5. DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN

When developing the action plan, consider who will be affected and how, determine what resources will be needed, understand barriers and ways to overcome them, and how you will measure progress and success.

6. PLAN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMOKE-FREE INITIATIVE

Develop and share an implementation timeline with your perioperative team. Meet and discuss the benefits of the initiative, objectives, timelines, and program components.

7. ASSIGN INTRAPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Education is the cornerstone of the program and includes access to the online pre-test, modules, and post-test. This education is designed for all perioperative team members.

8. AUDIT AND MONITOR COMPLIANCE

The Facility Coordinator will conduct an audit of smoke evacuation compliance wherever surgical smoke is generated in the facility using the provided C.L.E.A.R. (Check, Learn, Evaluate, Assess, & Report) auditing tool.

9. APPLY FOR THE AWARD

Once you've completed the AORN Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety: Smoke Evacuation program, you'll submit your three month compliance audit results. The award criteria is based on your facility's education performance, smoke evacuation compliance, and confirming your facility has the proper operating room equipment.

10. RECERTIFY

After three years, you may apply for recertification.

If you need additional assistance with securing leadership support, developing the business case and/or performing a gap analysis, contact Medtronic to schedule a complimentary consultation. *AORN does not endorse or support any manufacturer's product.*