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Barbara Ann Harmer is President of MedAssist Consultants, Inc. providing medical and surgical consulting services for over 30 years.

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Ms. Harmer has been a member of AORN since 1977; she is an active member of three AAMI working committees, ST/WG 40 - Steam Sterilization hospital practices (ST79) and ST/WG 84 – Endoscope Reprocessing (ST91) and ST/WG 11, General criteria for sterilization processes and sterilizing equipment.

She has participated as a member of the Advisory Committee/WG 40 and assisted in the rework and redesign of the newly released ANSI/AAMI ST79: 2017 *Comprehensive guide to steam sterilization and sterility assurance in health care facilities*.

She was a surveyor for AAAHC for twenty-four years and had conducted CMS surveys since the inception of deemed status surveys in 1996. She served as an American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses' Board member for six years as the Provider Chair and two years as the national President; currently serves as the national Immediate Past President of ASORN, Inc. She is a member of AORN, Inc., ASORN, Inc. and IAHCSMM.