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## WORKSHOP NEWS TO REPORT

The April 8th Workshop was a success. All of the speakers were very informative, and passed on a lot of useful information. The participants had a blast, and commented that it was overall worth the trip to North Little Rock. All of the speakers offered a Question and Answer session at the completion of the presentations.

First up was Mr. Walt Bryde who presented the daVinci Robotic System. He was accompanied by two surgery personnel from Arkansas Children's Hospital. The information was presented by a film with a hands-on of the different types of graspers used with the system. Participants were informed of the surgeon's role during the procedure and how the

Surgical Technologist can assist him/her. Participants were also shown techniques of draping the robot, and the mechanics of how it works. Along with the precision and advantages of using the daVinci Robotic System.

The second speaker was Mr. Paul Tull, CRNA who spoke about the origin of anesthesia, the medications that are commonly used, and how surgery personnel can better assist the anesthesia personnel during induction.

The third speaker was Mr. Paul Kronenberger from Medtronic who spoke about the ELG for the AAA procedure. He discussed the mechanics, application, advantages vs. disadvantages, and the criteria that must to be

met before a patient can be a candidate for this particular procedure.

Lunch was provided to the participants before the afternoon session.

The final speaker of the day was Mr. Max Ferguson and two other representatives with Synthes. This session was the hands-on part of the workshop. Where the participants managed to perform a Trochanteric Fixation Nail (TFN) and Peri-prosthetic Fracture with LCP Plate and Orthopedic cables. During the hands-on session participants used plates, screws, and cables to repair the broken femurs. The drills and instruments were user friendly at the stations.

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## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The website is being changed to show the pictures from the first workshop held by the new Arkansas State Assembly and it can be accessed at [www.arast.org](http://www.arast.org).

The next workshop is scheduled for October 21, 2006 in Fort

Smith, AR.. Be sure to mark your calendars. Additional information will be coming out soon.

The ARSA-ST is currently working with a graphic designer to transfer the new logo into a format that can be used on t-shirts, stationary, envelopes,

etc... Continue to watch the website for the newly designed t-shirts so that you can be the first to wear one with pride.

\*Reminder\* You don't have to be a CST to be a member of the State Assembly. Your vote matters!!!!!!

### Special Points of Interest of our State Logo Winner:

"Wolf" Wolferderick  
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Special Thanks to him for the response, and awesome drawing.

He will receive the next registration fee paid for by the State Assembly.