

Update from the AORN Board of Directors

July 2018



We hope you and your family had a safe and joyous July 4th holiday!

Congratulations to our colleagues in Rhode Island!!

On June 4, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo signed into law legislation that will require hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers to adopt policies requiring elimination of surgical smoke by use of smoke evacuation systems in Rhode Island operating rooms. Facilities have 90 days from the effective date of January 1, 2019, to report to the Department of Health that policies have been adopted. Rhode Island is the first state to address surgical smoke evacuation by law. For the full story, <https://www.aorn.org/about-aorn/aorn-newsroom/health-policy-news/2018-health-policy-news/ri-governor-signs-smoke-evacuation-legislation>

Call for Poster Abstracts for Nashville

Become a poster presenter and share your ideas and work with the global perioperative community. Categories include clinical improvement and innovation, research, design/concept, and evidence-based practice. The deadline for submission is **September 30, 2018**. For more information or to begin, click on the link: <https://www.aorn.org/surgicalexp/perioperative-nurse-education/posters>

New!! The AORN Facility Reference Center

Quickly and easily search the most current evidence-based guidelines by topic, and access integrated recommendations, FAQs, and clinical tools to put the highest standards for perioperative care into practice – and improve patient safety and quality outcomes. Learn more about how the Facility Reference Center can help your team quickly address day-to-day clinical issues. For more information:

<https://www.aorn.org/education/facility-solutions/facility-reference-center>

New for members: Complimentary Subscription to Outpatient Surgery Magazine!

Beginning this month, all AORN members will receive a complimentary subscription. Keep an eye out for an email from Outpatient surgery Magazine for more details.

AORN Individual Awards:

Nominate your fellow members (or nominate yourself) who have demonstrated excellence in the perioperative nursing profession by submitting a nomination for an award. For more information or to begin the application: <https://www.aorn.org/community/awards-programs>

Chapter Leader Town Hall:

We will be taking a hiatus for the summer. Mark your calendars for the remaining Chapter Leader Town Hall meetings: Wed. 9/19, Thurs. 10/18 and Wed. 11/14.

National Legislative Forum:

Don't forget ~ the National Legislative Forum (NLF) calls will be held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm Mountain Time (5:30 pm Pacific; 6:30 pm Mountain; 7:30 pm Central; 8:30 pm Eastern). The NLF is open to ALL AORN members who are interested in legislative affairs. The next call is scheduled for **Monday, July 16**. For more information, members can sign up for the National Legislative Forum at:

<https://myaorn.realmagnet.land/national-legislative-forum-sign-up>

Open for Public Comment

The AORN Guideline for Sterile Technique will be available for public comment thru **July 7 – August 5**. This document provides guidance for specific actions to maintain sterility and prevent contamination of the sterile field and sterile items during operative and other invasive procedures. <https://www.aorn.org/Aorn-org/Events/Public-Comments>.

2018 Chapter Accountability Standards

Don't forget!! As your chapter elects new officers, please remember to update this information. For any questions, you can call AORN Experience Services or reach out to Kerilyn Vox, Chapter Relations Manager at Headquarters.

Upcoming Events:

*****Fall Nurse Executive Leadership Series*****

Sterilization Academy - The Secret to Successful OR and SPD Collaboration

Are your OR and sterile processing department working hand-in-hand to prevent surgical site infections?

Chicago, IL	September 13
Baltimore, MD	September 25
Newark/Wayne, NJ	September 27
San Diego, CA	October 2
San Rafael, CA	October 9

Philadelphia, PA	October 11
Cincinnati, OH	October 16
Pittsburgh, PA	October 18
Atlanta, GA	October 30
Dallas, TX	November 1

*****Essentials of Infection Prevention & Safety in the Perioperative Setting*****

Patient and worker safety is of utmost importance to all perioperative team members. Do you know how to be your own advocate for infection prevention and safety? Empower your team with the most up-to-date IP and Safety best practices at a one-day, hands-on symposium presented by authors of the AORN *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*. For more information and to register: <https://www.aorn.org/events/infection-prevention-and-safety>

Philadelphia, PA	September 22
Atlanta, GA	September 29
Dallas, TX	October 20
Chicago, IL	October 27
Seattle, WA	November 3
Los Angeles, CA	November 10

Prep for CNOR Live – New Dates Have Been Added!!!

July 21-22, 2018 | Lafayette, CO
 July 21-22, 2018 | Norwalk, CT
 Aug 11-12, 2018 | Atlanta, GA
 Aug 11-12, 2018 | West Allis, WI
 Aug 18-19, 2018 | Concord, NC
 Aug 18-19, 2018 | McAllen, TX
 Aug 25-26, 2018 | New Orleans, LA
 Sept 8-9, 2018 | Denver, CO
 Sept 22-23, 2018 | Plattsburgh, NY
 Sept 22-23, 2018 | Skokie, IL
 Sept 29-30, 2018 | Tampa, FL
 Oct 6-7, 2018 | Wakefield, RI
 Oct 6-7, 2018 | Boston, MA
 Oct 20-21, 2018 | New York, NY
 Oct 20-21, 2018 | Voorhees, NJ

Member Cost is \$155 – Non-Member Cost is \$195

Go to <http://www.aorn.org/events/prep-for-cnor-live> for more details and to register.

ASC Administrator Skills Course

November 6-9 @ Headquarters, Denver, CO

Member Cost is \$2650 – Non-Member Cost is \$2900

Go to <https://www.aorn.org/events/asc-administrator-skills-course> for more details and to register.

Guideline Implementation Workshops – 2018 Dates, Topics and Cities are coming soon!

Upcoming Webinars – Free to Members & \$11 for Non-Members

New Guideline: Design and Maintenance of the Surgical Suite

Speaker: Byron L. Burlingame, MS, RN, BSN, CNOR

August 23, 2018 @ 2pm Mountain Time (1pm Pacific; 2pm Mountain; 3p Central; 4pm Eastern).

Tune into this webinar about the new AORN Guideline for Design and Maintenance of the Surgical Suite, which replaces the Guideline for Safe Environment of Care Part 2. Perioperative RNs will increase their knowledge of design and construction, daily operations (e.g., actions to take when temperature and humidity regulators, or any utility, is not properly functioning), and restoration of the OR after a utility failure.

New! AORN Guideline: Safe Patient Handling and Movement

Speaker: Mary J. Ogg, MSN, RN, CNOR

September 11, 2018 @ 2pm Mountain Time (1pm Pacific; 2pm Mountain; 3p Central; 4pm Eastern).

The perioperative setting poses unique challenges related to the provision of patient care and completion of procedure-related tasks. This highly technical environment is equipment intensive and necessitates the lifting and moving of patients, and heavy supplies and equipment during the perioperative team member's work shift. This webinar will review the new AORN Guideline for Safe Patient Handling and Movement, which provides evidence-based practice guidance for safe patient handling interventions to help the perioperative team establish a safe environment for the surgical patient and team members. The new guideline incorporates the AORN Guidance Statement: Safe Patient Handling and Movement in the Perioperative Setting and the ANA Safe Patient Handling and Mobility: Interprofessional National Standards Across the Care Continuum.

For more information and to register: <https://www.aorn.org/events/upcoming-webinars>

Representation

July 11-13, 2018

AORN Executive Roundtable

Denver, CO

Stephanie Davis, Missi Merlino and Linda Groah

Respectfully submitted,



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