

# September 2018 AORN Board Update



This month we celebrate and acknowledge the hard work and achievements of our Simulation Task Force. Healthcare Simulation Week will be celebrated September 17-21. Also, this month, the Board of Directors will be meeting at AORN Headquarters in Denver, CO for their annual Strategic Planning meeting. The innovative minds of the Board and AORN staff will come together to devise strategies to keep our association advancing forward with the needs of our membership in mind. Many great initiatives have resulted from past Strategic Planning meetings. We have reviewed global and domestic data, forecasts, and trends concerning healthcare, medicine, nursing, and the surgical/perioperative arena to prepare for this meeting.

President Davis has charged the Board will be presenting four webinars in line with our theme "*Harmonized Care: The Key to Safety*". There will be two webinars in the fall (October & November) and two in the winter (January & February). The first webinar entitled "*Operating Room Fire Safety Evidence Based Practices*" will be presented by AORN Board members Steven Balog, Jane Flowers & Darlene Murdock on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 2pm Mountain time 1pm Pacific; 3p Central; 4pm Eastern). Registration details are soon to come.

The September issue of the *AORN Journal*, *The Official Voice of Perioperative Nursing*, features "Back to Basics on handling Autologous Tissue" along with many other great articles and free CE's. Be sure to read President's Davis' message, "The Key to Safety: Preparing for Disasters".

See details of AORN events and deadlines listed on the following pages.

It is our pleasure to serve you.

Respectively Submitted,

***Darlene B. Murdock, BSN, BA, RN, CNOR***

Board of Directors



### **Chapter Excellence Award Portal opens Sept. 1**

It is that time of the year to toot your horn and let AORN know what your chapter achieved in 2018. The Chapter Excellence Award portal will open for submissions on September 1 and close on December 31, 2018. Remember, you can start a submission and finish later within the open timeframe, but once you are complete, please click Submit to let us know the nomination is uploaded. After December 31, the Awards Committee will score each submission to determine the winners. For more information: [https://www.aorn.org/Member\\_Apps/form/MyChapterAwards](https://www.aorn.org/Member_Apps/form/MyChapterAwards)

### **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/surgicalexpo/perioperative-nurse-education/posters>

### **Outpatient Surgery Magazine's OR EXCELLENCE Conference**

OR Excellence will be held **October 3 – 5, 2018** at the Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. You'll learn new skills, network with colleagues and get tips on improving outcomes, expanding your caseload, growing more profitable, protecting your employees and assets and more, all in an innovative and interactive learning format. For more information, <https://www.orexcellence.com>

### **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>

### **Voting Matters – AORN National Ballot**

The National Ballot for the 2019-2020 Term of Office has now been posted! Look for candidate bios and election statements in the fall on both the website and in the AORN Journal. Voting will be open from March 11 - April 9, 2019. Stay tuned for updates and more information. To review the ballot: <https://www.aorn.org/about-aorn/governance/voting-matters>

### **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:**

Mark your calendars and register for the remaining Chapter Leader Town Hall meetings. Here are the links to register.

September 19, 2018 -- Registration Link:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=pjhjy85apcp0&campaign=bmza92tu0m9p>

October 18, 2018 -- Registration Link:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=dapb8xs5hvxd&campaign=hhgi1m55tru3>

November 14, 2018 – Registration Link:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=fudigeqkzny7&campaign=52lcmr3wli0d>

### **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, September 17.** For more information, members can sign up for the National Legislative Forum at: <https://myaorn.realmagnet.land/national-legislative-forum-sign-up>

### **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***

Sept 8-9, 2018 | Denver, CO  
Sept 8-9, 2018 | Lawrenceville, GA  
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 13-14, 2018 | Gainesville, GA\*\***  
Oct 20-21, 2018 | New York, NY

Oct 20-21, 2018 | Voorhees, NJ  
Oct 27-28, 2018 | Aurora, CO  
Nov 3-4, 2018 | Milford, MA  
Nov 3-4, 2018 | Louisville, CO  
**Nov 3-4, 2018 | Pennington, NJ \*\***  
**Nov 10-11, 2018 | Hartford, CT \*\***  
**Dec 8-9, 2018 | Fremont CA \*\***

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.

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

#### **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.

#### **RNFA Billing 101 \*\*Hosted by the RNFA Specialty Assembly**

Speaker: Jean Franks, BSN, RN, CNOR, CRNFA

**September 12, 2018 @ 5pm** Mountain Time (4pm Pacific;; 6p Central; 7pm Eastern).

The purpose of this activity is to enable the learner to gain basic information regarding RNFA billing of insurance claims.

#### **First Assisting Bowel Resections: Part 2 \*\*Hosted by the RNFA Specialty Assembly**

Speaker: Joanne Wentzell, MSN, RN, CNOR, CRNFA

**September 17, 2018 @ 5pm** Mountain Time (4pm Pacific; 5pm Mountain; 6p Central; 7pm Eastern).

This webinar will be a 2-part series on bowel anatomy, pathology requiring surgery, surgical procedure, and the first-assisting role.

#### **AORN Guideline: Sterilization**

Speaker: Erin Kyle, DNP, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC

**September 26, 2018 @ 2pm** Mountain Time (1pm Pacific; 2pm Mountain; 3p Central; 4pm Eastern).

What are the changes in the AORN Guideline for Sterilization? Join us for this webinar to learn evidence-based practices related to sterilization including immediate use steam sterilization; environmental responsibility; chemical sterilant workplace safety; and more!

## **Design and Maintenance of the Surgical Suite, Part 2: Maintenance**

Speaker: Byron L. Burlingame, MSN, RN, CNOR

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

This webinar will cover the second section of the new AORN Guideline for Design and Maintenance of the Surgical Suite. This section covers the requirements for monitoring the HVAC system and the interventions to perform after the failure of the water, sewer, electricity, steam, and HVAC system.

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

## **AORN Board Representation**

September 4, 2018

APSF Board Meeting

Phoenix, AZ

Linda Groah

September 11, 2018

AORN of West Houston Chapter Visit

Houston, TX

Darlene Murdock

September 13, 2018

Nurse Executive Leadership Series

Chicago, IL

Brenda Larkin

September 21, 2018

NAQC Annual Meeting

Silver Spring, MD

Linda Groah

September 21-25, 2018

AANA Annual Congress

Boston, MA

Missi Merlino

September 29, 2018

Essentials of Infection Prevention & Safety in the Perioperative Setting

Atlanta, GA

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