



The Bridge Newsletter, November 2022



AORN MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



9 years at
Alta Bates as an O.R.
Circulator, 2 years
scrubbing in Neuro, &
4 years of scrubbing
general procedures

JANE SLOAN, BSN, RN, CNOR

**ALTA BATES SUMMIT
MEDICAL CENTER, BERKELEY**

Neuro-Surgery Charge
Nurse/Service Lead

AORN member since 2014

Career Inspired by:

- *Emergency*, by Mark Brown; a collection of trauma stories from MDs & RNs in an E.R.
- *Trauma Life in E.R.*, a documentary series

Hobbies:

Pottery, Wood-working, Cooking
& trying new ingredients

Favorite Food:

Enjoys Pad Thau & learned to
prepare it in Thailand



Periop 101 Graduate



Amy Ailor, RN

John Muir Medical Center,
Walnut Creek, CA



Congratulations, Amy!!!

Clinical Corner



A Nurse asked:

"If a surgeon wants the scrub tech to staple the drapes to the patient's skin; can they do that"?

Answer:

Using the skin stapler to hold the drapes to the skin causes minor puncture wounds. Neither a nurse nor a scrub tech can alter tissue. This is under the purview of a surgeon. The Medical Practice Act describes any incision, puncture, scraping, etc. as “altering the tissues” and is defined as “Surgery”. Therefore, the ST should NOT staple the drapes.

Reference:

California Business and Professions Code #2052 defines the practice of Medicine to include "clamping, cutting, tying and suturing tissue." Using a skin stapler on a patient is defined as "suturing". Therefore, any person who does not possess a medical license may not insert staples into a patient.

Submitted by
Alice Erskine, MSN,RN,CNOR

Upcoming Events

November 3

**Chapter Board Meeting
via Zoom**

****Webinar/Online****

November 5

**Sharps Safety - Free CE Seminar
via Microsoft Teams**

****Webinar/Online****

November 12

**Perioperative Nurses Week 2022
Hike & Brunch**

UPcoming Events cont'd

Sharps Safety

CE SEMINAR

CE SEMINAR SPEAKER: LAUREL STEBBINS

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

TIME: 10AM

LENGTH: 2 HOURS

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Adoption of safety scalpels in the operating room remains a challenge, as 80% of reported injuries in the OR occur utilizing a device without a sharps injury prevention feature. Consequently, the vast majority of surgical incisions are performed with a standard reusable scalpel handle and a single-use stainless steel blade that must be manually mounted and removed. Adoption of safety-engineered scalpels has remained low and efforts are underway to investigate new designs that will ultimately lead to higher use in the operating room.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

This continuing education activity is intended for perioperative nurses, or other health care professionals who want to learn more or need to gain knowledge and skills in sharps safety.

Free seminar will be conducted via Microsoft Teams.
A link will be provided within a week of the seminar.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Explain the dangers of sharps injuries, including the risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens and actual physical harm, such as serious lacerations.
2. State current data about sharps injuries with regards to the introduction of safety scalpels over the past 20 years.
3. Cite legislation and public health agency programs aimed at reducing sharps injuries.
4. Describe the hierarchy of controls with examples of each.
5. List obstacles to adoption of safety controls.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

California Board of Registered Nursing

Pfiedler Education is a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP14944, for **2.0 contact hours**.

Register by Thursday, November 3, 2022 at aornsfbayarea.nursingnetwork.com.

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UPcoming Events Cont'd

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PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK *Hike & Brunch*

A 3-mile easy hike on the Stream Trail from the Canyon Meadow parking lot of Redwood Gate.

A post-hike brunch will be provided for hikers and non-hikers!
AORN members will be eligible to win an awesome prize!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
8:30AM**

**REINHARDT REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK
OAKLAND**

Family, friends & dogs welcome!
Trail is partially paved & stroller friendly.

RSVP BY
NOVEMBER 10

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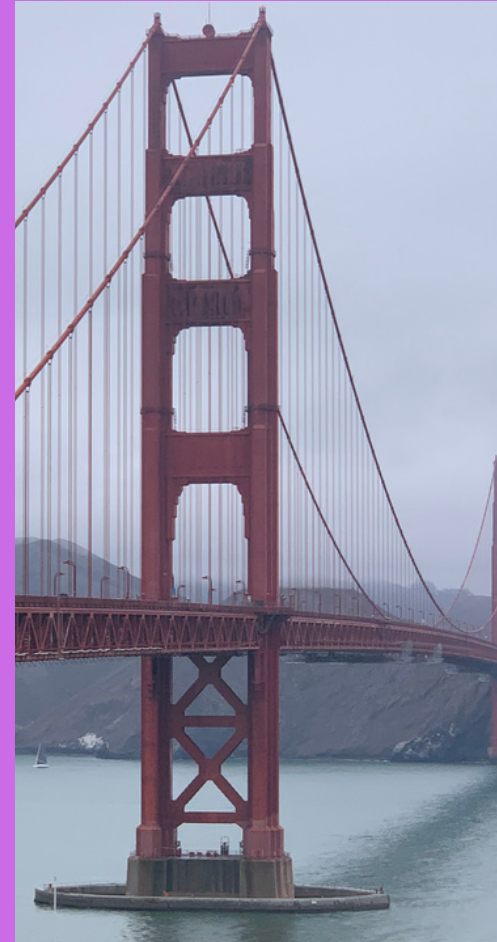


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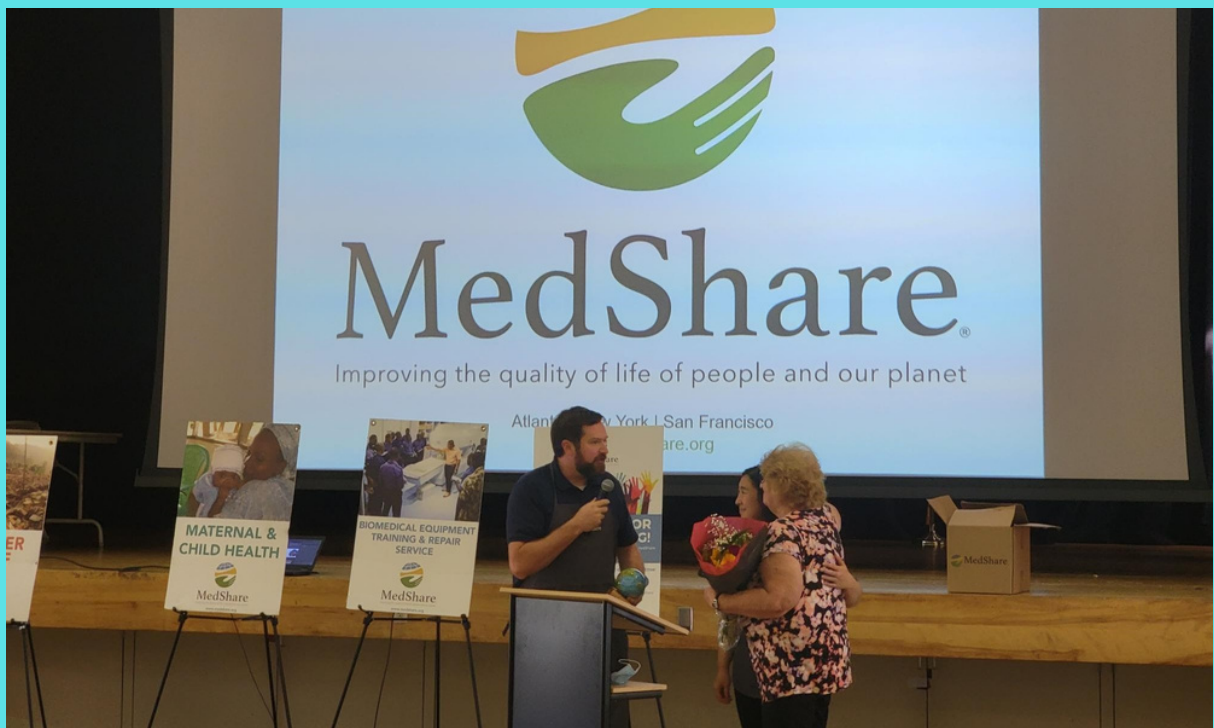


Group Hikes

October 2022, Golden Gate Bridge



MedShare's Final Appreciation event on 10/07/22



Quote Corner

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."

-Colin Powell

Before We Go...

- If you know of a registered nurse who should be featured in our newsletter, please submit their name & contact information to either:
Joy Chau at jbchaurn@gmail.com or
Wanda Harkless-Johnson at wtheblessed@aol.com
Please submit by December 18, 2022, for the
January newsletter
- Please consider joining our monthly group hikes. They are great ways to reduce stress while networking with other healthcare professionals. Our hikes are planned by our AORN President, Joy Chau, and occur once monthly. If you have a favorite hiking trail or would like to explore one that is new to you, forward your suggestions to Joy Chau at jbchaurn@gmail.com
- If you know of any AORN members who are not enjoying their membership benefits, encourage them to become active. Also, encourage non-members to become members