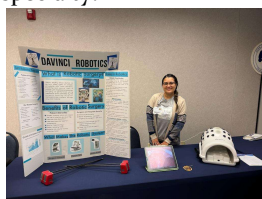


# AORN Chapter 1402

## SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL FALL SEMINAR HOSTED BY AORN CHAPTER 1402

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On November 2, 2024, the local Chapter 1402 of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) held its inaugural Fall Seminar at John A. Logan College. The event brought together current nursing students, healthcare professionals, and industry representatives to foster learning, networking, and professional growth within the perioperative field. The day began with a particular focus on nursing students, with attendees from Southern Illinois University and Shawnee Community College. It featured interactive workshops, such as gloving and gowning, games, and discussions, that introduced them to the fundamentals of perioperative nursing. Students had the opportunity to gain insights into the field, preparing them for potential careers in perioperative care and ensuring they understood the essential skills and roles associated with the specialty.



A vendor and educational booth allowed students and attendees to interact with various companies, organizations, and specialties. These booths showcased the latest surgical tools, technology, and educational resources and provided valuable information on advancements in healthcare products and services. There was also a fun operating room-themed photo booth with a back table and props for the attendees to spruce up their photos.



In the afternoon, a series of speakers presented on various topics, including How to Write Articles (Rebecca K. Vortman, DNP, RN, CNOR), The "Patient" Approach Post-Operative Pain Management (Angela Arnold, DMSc, PAC), Impact of ERAS Pathway on Patient Outcomes (Abbasali Badami, MD, DABS, FICS), and AORN Board Update (Laura A. Gayton, MHCA, BSN, CNOR, CSSM). The speakers, who were experts and leaders in their fields, provided attendees with practical knowledge and the latest insights, equipping them with new skills and perspectives to take back to their workplaces. Thank you to our speakers, whose expertise and commitment to sharing their knowledge made the event memorable.



The day concluded with a business meeting for the Illinois Council of Operating Room Nurses (ICORN). This meeting served as a platform to discuss future goals, upcoming events, and future opportunities for professional development, highlighting the importance of continuous learning and collaboration among perioperative professionals. There was representation from at least 6 AORN chapters within Illinois in attendance!

A special thanks goes to the AORN Chapter 1402 President, Jamie Carver, for her dedication and effort in planning and organizing the seminar. Her hard work and leadership were instrumental in making this first event successful, setting a high standard for future chapter events.

Chapter 1402 also extends a heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors – Medtronic, Molnlycke, and

Zimmer – whose support made the seminar possible. Also, thank John A. Logan College for letting us host this event on campus. Their contributions were crucial to the event's success, allowing us to provide a valuable experience for all attendees.

We would also like to express our deep appreciation to everyone who volunteered their time, including those who helped with setup, managed logistics, and ensured the day ran smoothly. Without our volunteers' and contributors' hard work and dedication, this seminar would not have been possible.

Overall, the AORN Chapter 1402 Fall Seminar was a resounding success. By bringing together nursing students, experienced nurses, vendors, and educators, the event fosters valuable connections and reinforces the chapter's commitment to advancing excellence in perioperative nursing. Chapter 1402 looks forward to building on this success with future seminars and expanded learning opportunities for the community.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Our annual scholarship applications are open. We offer two yearly scholarships for continuing education. The first is for a high school senior pursuing a healthcare career, and the second is for a healthcare worker pursuing continuing education, such as a degree or certification. To apply for our healthcare worker scholarship, scan the QR code. Applications are Due March 31, 2025

High School Senior



Healthcare Worker



## RECIPE – APPLE CRISP



### Ingredients:

6 cups sliced and peeled apples (Granny Smith or Honeycrisp work well)  
1 cup rolled oats  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1/4 tsp nutmeg  
A pinch of salt

### Instructions:

Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C).  
Place the sliced apples in a greased 9x13 inch baking dish.  
In a bowl, mix the oats, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt.  
Pour the melted butter over the oat mixture and stir until combined.  
Spread the oat mixture evenly over the apples.  
Bake for 45-50 minutes, or until the topping is golden brown and the apples are tender.  
Serve warm, optionally with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

The 2025 edition of the AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice includes several important updates and new guidelines. Here are some of the fundamental changes:

### New Guideline:

Implementation of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS): This new guideline focuses on improving patient outcomes and speeding up recovery times through evidence-based practices.

### Revised Guidelines:

Surgical Attire: Updates to ensure optimal infection control and safety.

Sterile Technique: Enhancements to maintain sterility and prevent contamination.

Patient Temperature Management: New recommendations to prevent hypothermia and related complications.

Sterilization Packaging for Sterilization: Improved methods for packaging to ensure effective sterilization.

Sharps Safety: Updated practices to reduce the risk of sharps injuries and enhance safety protocols.

These updates align with the latest research and best practices, ensuring that perioperative nurses have the most current information to provide safe and effective patient care.

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