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## OUR 2025 THEME:

### "The Power of You: Circles of Care"

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# Schedule

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 7 AM** Registration opens
- 7-8 AM** Continental Breakfast
- 8 AM-2:30 PM** Exhibitor Set-up
- 8 AM** Welcoming Remarks  
*sponsored by* **PEGASYS**
- 8-8:15 AM** Greeting from AORN
- 8:30-9:30 AM** Opening Keynote  
*sponsored by* **CONMED**
- 9:45-10:45 AM** Education
- 11 AM-12 PM** Education
- 12-1:30 PM** Lunch & Learn  
*sponsored by* **Piedmont** **Irrisept**  
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*Join us for a complimentary lunch while learning about the latest Perioperative topics. Our 'Lunch and Learn' event features 15-minute, vendor-sponsored sessions designed to introduce valuable resources that enhance efficiency and improve patient care.*

- 2-3 PM** Afternoon Keynote
- 3-6 PM** Exhibit Hall Reception

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 7 AM** Registration Opens
- 7 AM** Continental Breakfast
- 8-9 AM** Education
- 9-11 AM** Exhibit Hall Brunch

*Fuel up for a fantastic day two at the Exhibit Hall Brunch! Mingle with vendors over breakfast bites, sip on refreshing mimosas and Bloody Marys, and make valuable connections - all in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.*

- 11:15-11:30 AM** Daisy Foundation Awards Presentation

*Celebrate Nursing Excellence at the Daisy Awards! Witness the heartwarming stories of nurses who go above and beyond, making a profound difference in patients' lives. Join us as we honor the Nurse Leader of the Year and Lifetime Achievement award recipients and be inspired by the transformative power of compassionate care.*

- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** Closing Keynote
- 12:30 PM** Closing Remarks
- 1-2 PM** State Council/Chapter Meetings

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**8:30-9:30 AM**

### OPENING KEYNOTE

#### The Power of Nursing During These Challenging Times



**Ernest J. Grant, PhD, DSc(h), RN, FADLN, FAAN, Vice Dean, Duke University School of Nursing**

This presentation will explore the evolving role of

nurses and the power of nursing in addressing contemporary healthcare challenges. It will emphasize the importance of advocacy in ensuring patient-centered care, promoting self-care and professional development among nurses, and advancing the nursing profession. By leveraging innovative technologies, fostering resilience, and embracing continuous learning, nurses can effectively navigate the complexities of modern healthcare. The session will provide practical strategies and insights to empower nurses to be strong advocates for their patients, themselves, and the broader healthcare community.

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**9:45-10:45 AM**

#### Won't You Be My Neighbor? The Power of You—Circles of Care, Catalysts for Change



**Kim Tuemler, JD, BSN, RN, CNOR, RYT 200, Wylie Tuemler, Attorney Nurse Consulting**

This panel presentation explores how nurses

are transforming their hospital halls and neighborhood blocks into powerful platforms for political advocacy. Won't You Be My Neighbor? highlights the critical role of nurses as grassroots change agents working within their professional and community circles to create safer surgical environments and drive impactful policy reform. Panelists will share real-world experiences leading state-level advocacy efforts on pressing nursing issues such as:

- Circulator staffing requirements
- Full practice authority for nurse practitioners
- Legislation to combat workplace violence in healthcare

**11 AM-12 PM**

#### Peer Messengers: An Evidence-Based Approach to Safety, Support, and Respect in the Work Environment



**Alice M. Krumm, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR(E), Director, Partner Engagement, Faculty, Vanderbilt Health CPPA, Adjunct Instructor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing**

As healthcare becomes more complex, so do the teams delivering care. Clinical teams are interdisciplinary and must navigate uncertainty while maintaining high standards. Safe, quality care depends on both individual autonomy and cohesive teamwork. High-performing teams are built on accountability, open communication, and a shared commitment to patient safety.

**2-3 PM**

### AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

#### It Shouldn't Hurt to Go to Work: Creating Safe Circles of Care



**Ric Cuming, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Chief Operating Officer, ChristianaCare**

Health care workers

are 5 times more likely to experience violence than workers in other settings. ChristianaCare, an academic health system in Delaware, is addressing this issue with a comprehensive, values-driven prevention program. Rooted in our core values of Love and Excellence, the initiative includes systemwide civility efforts, a zero-tolerance policy backed by a Patient and Visitor Code of Conduct, de-escalation training, robust reporting systems, and a strong focus on prevention and employee well-being. The result: measurable improvements in workplace safety and culture.

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**8-9 AM**

#### It's A Wonderful Life: How Your Nursing Care Has Impacted the World Around You



**William J. Duffy, RN, MJ CNOR, FAAN, Independent Nurse Educator and Consultant**

Like the character George Bailey, in the movie It's a

Wonderful Life, nurses face challenges in our professional lives. And like George, we may experience doubts about the value of our career choice. Those doubts can lead to burnout. This talk will highlight the true impact of your care. We will explore how our being present means more than technical expertise in that the true meaning of being a nurse changes the lives of those we serve. A celebration of nursing.

**11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

### CLOSING KEYNOTE

#### Ethical Decision Making and How to Build Moral Muscle



**Jason Lesandrini, PhD, FACHE, HEC-C, LPEC, Assistant Vice President of Ethics, Advance Care Planning and Spiritual Health, and Language Access Service, WellStar Health System**

Ethical leadership from everyone, whether one has a title, is essential to providing high-quality care. The Perioperative setting requires ethical leaders who uphold personal and professional standards and empower their teams to recognize their collective influence in creating safe, compassionate environments where each team member's contribution strengthens the quality of patient care. The circles of care that perioperative nurses create for patients are strengthened through ethical leadership principles. In this interactive session, we'll explore the landscape of what it means to be an ethical leader, both from a personal characteristic standpoint, but also from a behavioral standpoint. For example, participants will engage in Ethical Decision Making and learn how to build their moral muscles.



# Location

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## Daisy Awards

The DAISY Award is an international recognition program started in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Pat's family experienced first-hand the difference his nurses made in his care through clinical excellence and outstanding compassionate care. The family created The DAISY Award to express gratitude to nurses and to enable other patients, families, and staff to thank and honor their special nurses.

