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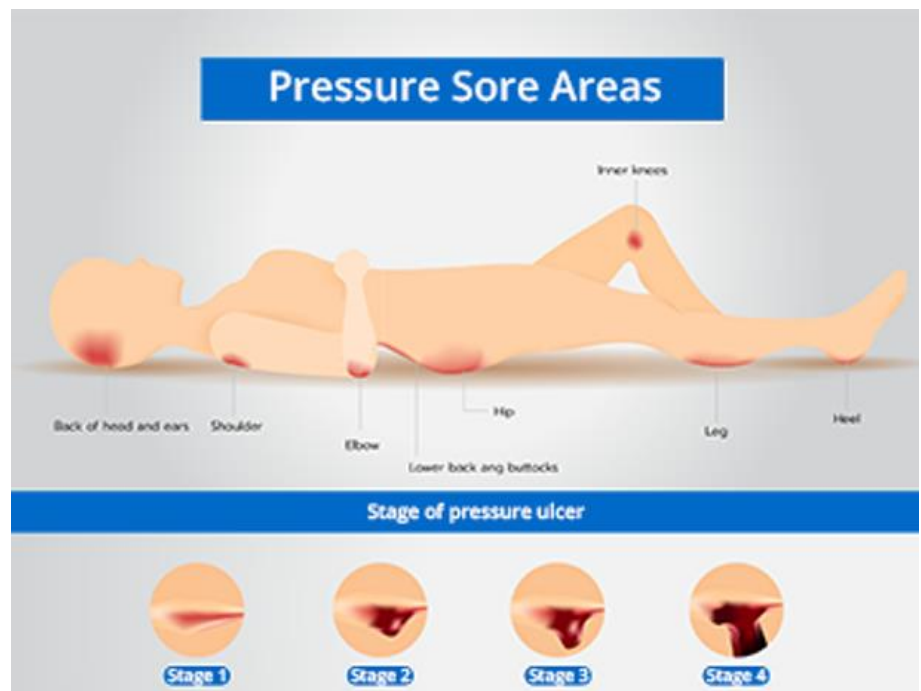
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AORN OF CENTRAL PA CHAPTER 3908

January 2026

January Educational Offering:
Skin Safety in the OR: Preventing Perioperative
Pressure Injuries



AORN of Central PA #3908

Virtual Meeting: January 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Sponsored by Molnlycke, 1.0 CE available

Participants must attend the course and complete the
post-test to receive the CE

If you do not have a clinical learning hub account with
Molnlycke, please create an account in advance of the
virtual meeting in order to obtain the CE

<https://us.clinicallearning.com>



Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year to all our chapter members and other perioperative colleagues! As I write this president's message on New Year's Day, I'm wondering what my resolution will be for this year. Losing weight never makes it past the end of February and my fitness center membership is nothing more than an annual donation. I hope that many of you would consider 'becoming involved in AORN' your resolution this year. We have over 290 members but less than 10% are active within our organization.

The global conference and expo is three months away. The conference will be held in New Orleans April 11-14, 2026. Registration and housing are open. This is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues throughout the country, meet with vendor representatives and evaluate new products and equipment, and earn many CEUs on educational topics which impact your daily life in the Operating Room. The schedule and agenda for the conference are posted on the AORN website under the global conference. Check it out! Voting for our national officers is scheduled to open in March. A virtual candidate town hall will be held in February and provides an opportunity for you to learn about the various individuals running for office and their vision for the organization. More information on the town hall will be provided for chapter members as it becomes available.

Our January chapter meeting (January 13) will be virtual, sponsored by Mölnlycke. The 1.0 CE offering is entitled, "Skin Safety in the OR: Preventing Perioperative Pressure Injuries." The educational presentation begins at 7:00 PM. Members must first create a free account with Mölnlycke at <https://us.clinicallearning.com>. Also, AORN recommends members register to attend educational offerings in order to prevent 'outsiders' from accessing chapter information. A link to register has gone out through the Nursing Network. The Microsoft Teams link for the meeting will be sent to registered members closer to the date. To receive credit for the program, members must register on the clinical learning site, attend the meeting, and complete the post-test. I hope you will join us for this important topic.

Wishing all of you a happy, healthy 2026. See you (virtually) at the January meeting!

Regards,

Kathleen Law, DNP, MS, RN, CNOR

Chapter President



AORN 2025-2026 CHAPTER 3908 GENERAL MEETING

November 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by president, Kathy Law at 8:00 PM. Tonight's presentation was "The Love of Medical Missions" given by Cindy Thompson, RN, BSN. Thank you, Cindy, for a very informative presentation.

Minutes for the September 9, 2025 general meeting were reviewed. A motion by Peter Hartwell, second by Kim Dodson to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Kim presented the October treasurer's report. Report will be filed.

Committee Reports:

Budget / Finance: No additional report.

Bylaws updates: No report.

Education for 2025/2026: We decided to change the frequency of our meetings to every other month. We will rotate the meeting places this year between York (York Hospital) and Lancaster (Penn State Health Campus).

❖ January– (virtual) Kathy will send out the link for our education. CEU's will be provided.

❖ March– TBD

❖ April– No meeting, Congress

❖ May–TBD

❖ June– Dinner meeting

HersheyPark: Elaine Kohan will remain the contact person.

Legislation: Kathy provided an update on HB 27, Smoke Evacuation bill. Kathy and several others met up with several senators at the Capitol recently. Since the PA congress was not in session to pass the budget, a vote for this bill has not yet passed. However, the bill is up for a vote this term.

Membership: According to national our chapter has 297 members.

Newsletter: No report.

Nominating: Susan Glass has agreed to fill the vacancy for President-elect for this year. Thank you Susan!

Perioperative Nursing Award: The award will be revised to support active chapter members' attendance at the Global Expo, i.e. pay for attendee registration. More information to follow.

Ways and Means: No report.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements:

There was discussion regarding the lack of participation and attendance at our chapter meetings. How do we encourage our younger generation of nurses to become involved with the chapter? We are looking for younger members to help lead the future of our chapter. Those in attendance tonight were polled to see if they received the newsletter.

AORN Expo- 4/11/2026 - 4/14/2026 New Orleans, LA. Registration is open.

As part of our annual charity donation, we chose organizations in our community that provide a service in our local area. The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is a recipient that we support yearly. We wanted to help additional organizations. The Teal Blanket Foundation supports women in our communities who struggle with gynecological issues, cancer surgery, therapy, transportation or even groceries and utilities. There was a motion by Denise McMillan to donate \$1000 to this organization. Peter Hartwell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Another group in our community is HUB. It is an organization that provides meals for underprivileged students at Millersville University. Many of the volunteers donate their own finances to purchase the food that they serve. A motion by Patty Hufnagel was made to donate \$1000 to this organization, and the motion was seconded by Peter Hartwell. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by Peter Hartwell and seconded by Patti Williams. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Hufnagel, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA

Secretary, Chapter 3908 AORN Central PA

Help Wanted



CLICK HERE to check out the volunteer information for Hersheypark! Contact Elaine Kohan with questions at lainie2285@aol.com or 717-578-6734

RAMP volunteers, please remember to bring your valid photo ID to EVERY RAMP shift to sign in.

We have Food & Beverage Shifts. Please send an email to sign your volunteers up. Include your group name in your email with the volunteer's full name and email address. Include the date(s) and shift times that they would like to volunteer for. Shifts are filled first come first served. Please see the attached Volunteer Manual for parking, check in and dress code information.

Make special note - the check in location is now in Volunteer Check In in the Historic Hersheypark Arena - the same location where volunteers checked out.

As a reminder Food and Beverage volunteers are required to take the F&B Volunteer training and fill out the F&B Volunteer Acknowledgement

Volunteers will follow these steps to complete the Food & Beverage training prior to their shift:

1. Click on the link to launch the F&B Volunteer Training 2021. This training is approximately 20 minutes in length.
2. After watching the training, you MUST fill out the form F&B Volunteer Acknowledgment form

In addition we have received RAMP Codes! If you have anyone interested in getting RAMP certified or recertified, please send your volunteer's name, email address, and we can send you the RAMP certification instructions.

The volunteer must be at least 21 years old and be willing to commit to at least 3 RAMP shifts during each year the RAMP certification is valid. RAMP certificates are valid for 2 years.

Current Available Shifts: contact Elaine Kohan at lainie2285@aol.com or 717-578-6734 if interested

