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WELCOME TO OUR

AORN Chapter Newsletter



[Newsletter Update](#)

Thank you for reading our newsletter! I hope you can appreciate the slim look. The format changed to intrigue the readers.

Why is it shorter? It has fewer pictures in the newsletter.

Where are the pictures? The pictures are posted on the [NursingNetwork.com](https://www.nursingnetwork.com) site; click on **Photo Galleries** to view past events. Visit the site for chapter news, announcements, and more...

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**Latest highlights from recent events, Inspiration, Chapter member Spotlight & More!
Keep Reading!**

Volunteer Events:

Food Rescue Volunteer Morning
White Pony Express
2470 Bates Avenue, Concord, CA 94520
Saturday, 02/28/2026, 0845 - 1100, PST
ALL SLOTS FILLED

San Jose Basketball Regional Competition
Saturday, March 21, 2026
Kathleen MacDonald High School & Dolores
Huerta Middle School

Register at nursingnetwork.com
Go to Upcoming Events

Next Virtual Education Event:

Value of Universal Nasal Decolonization: A Key Piece of the Puzzle

Thursday, 3/5/26, 1800- 1900, PST

Click below to register for this **FREE** event

<https://aornsfbayarea.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/150962-new-research-on-the-value-of-universal-nasal-decolonization-a-key-piece-of-the-puzzle#!info>

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AORNs Next Conference:

**AORN GLOBAL SURGICAL CONFERENCE
& EXPO 2026 IS APRIL 11-14, 2026**

Now is a good time to plan for attending the AORN 2026 Conference.

Reservations are now being accepted.

Through this website you can book, modify or cancel your hotel reservations at any time and receive updated information about the event.

A credit card **is required** to guarantee your reservation. AORN/MCI Housing will not be taking a deposit. **A deposit may be charged by the hotel after March 20, 2026.**

To view information on hotels & registration, Go to:

<https://www.mcievents.com/aorn2026/>

Inspiration Corner

“Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world... would do this, it would change the Earth.”

—William Faulkner.

AORN Spotlight

Member
Since 2023

Octavia Green, MSN, MBA, RN, CFPN



Octavia became a registered nurse in 2022 and recently began serving as the director of the Reproductive Science Centers of the Bay Area.



“I chose nursing because I wanted to provide direct patient care and engage in patient interactions. I was previously in the OR for 26 years as a surgical technician, and I loved it.”

Specialties:

Robotics, Neuro, Urology, Ortho, & Ortho-spine

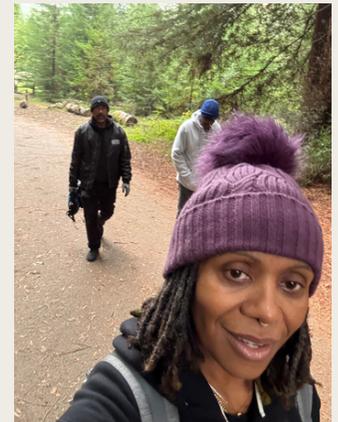


Hobbies:

singing, writing, working out, traveling, exploring nature, and I **love** dogs

Favorite Foods:

All types of seafood that are prepared in multiple variations



Clinical Corner



Best Practices for Changing Gloves Intraoperatively

Change gloves every 2 hours:

- Change after each procedure
- Change every 60-150 minutes based on the surgical procedure
- Thoracic surgery

Change gloves every hour:

- Open abdominal surgery
- Arthroplasty procedures
- Oral and maxillofacial surgery

Change gloves every 1.5 hours:

- General surgery
- Gastroenterological (GI) surgery
- Colorectal and other GI surgery
- Orthopedic surgery

Change gloves every 3 hours:

- GI, cardiovascular, and pediatric surgeries

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Introducing Monthly Touch Base Meetings for AORN SFBA Chapter

**AORN SFBA President's Zoom Meeting
Hosted by Cassandra Munro, Chapter President**

The NEW Monthly Touch Base sessions are updates reflecting our chapter's commitment to clear communication, timely education, and engaged participation. The sessions are monthly on the 1st Thursday.

Please contact Cassandra Munro at casse.munro@gmail.com

Past Sessions

December 17, 2025, @1800 PST

Skin Safety—Preventing Perioperative Pressure Injury

January 8, 2026, @ 1800 PST

AORN Introduction to Perioperative Nursing

February 5, 2026, @ 1800 PST

Meet the Candidates

Next Session

MARCH 5, 2026, @ 1800 PST

New Research on the Value of Universal Nasal Decolonization:

A Key Piece of the Puzzle

Before We Go...

If you know of an RN or nursing student(s) who should be featured in our newsletter, please submit their name & and contact information to:
Wanda Harkless-Johnson at wtheblessed5@gmail.com

Please consider joining our monthly group hikes. They are great ways to reduce stress while networking with other healthcare professionals. Joy Chau plans our hikes, which occur once monthly; forward your hiking suggestions to:

Joy Chau at jbchaur@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.

All nursing students, new graduate nurses, Periop 101 students, or other healthcare professionals, are encouraged to participate in our chapter's events. For additional info, Contact Wanda: wtheblessed5@gmail.com

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