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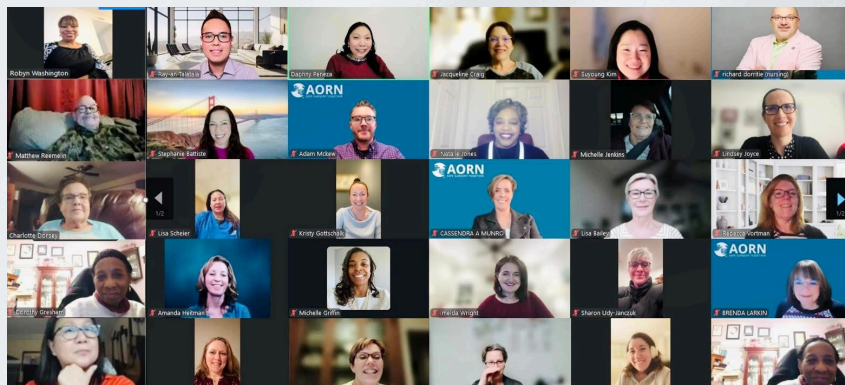
# NEWSLETTER

AORN Specialty Assembly  
CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATOR

## MEET THE AORN NATIONAL CANDIDATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2026 | 7:30PM VIA ZOOM

ORGANIZED BY THE  
AORN CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATOR SPECIALTY ASSEMBLY (CNESA)



## A REMARKABLE TURNOUT

The **AORN Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly** proudly celebrates the success of its **“Meet the AORN National Candidates”** Event held last February 16, 2026 via Zoom moderated by Board Liaison Dr. Daphny Peneza, DNP, RN, CNOR, CSSM, FSIEN, FAORN. With an impressive turnout of 53 participants, the session provided an engaging platform for national candidates to introduce themselves and share their vision for the future of AORN. The event was exceptionally well-received, as the majority of candidates were able to present their goals for strengthening the organization and inspiring continued excellence in perioperative nursing. Their messages also encouraged all AORN members to actively participate in the upcoming election and exercise their right to vote. Thank you to everyone who joined and contributed to making this event a meaningful and energizing gathering for our community.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

► **CNESA Meeting and Education Session: *Game On! Evidence-Based Gaming Techniques for Nursing Educators***

AORN Expo, New Orleans  
April 12, 2026 9:15–10:45 AM

#### Speakers:

**Sonja Furr**, BSN, RN, CNOR  
**Matthew Reemelin**, BSN, RN, CNOR  
**Kristy Gottschalk**, MSN, RN, CNOR

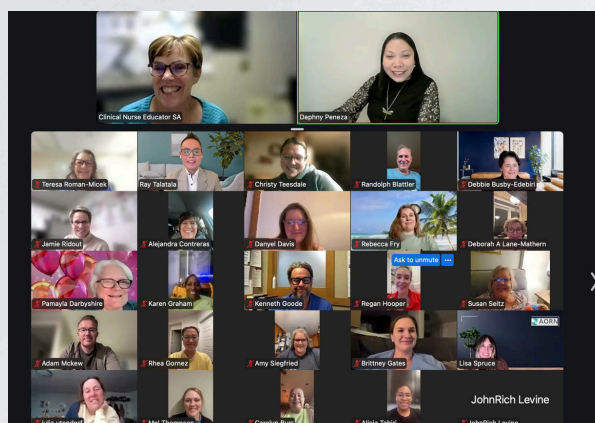
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### THE JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE IN SURGICAL SAFETY

WEBINAR

Ray-an B. Talatala, DNP, RN, CNOR, NP-BC, FAORN  
Perioperative Nursing Professional Development Specialist



## #PERIOPPROUD: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE DURING THE PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK

**November 13, 2025.** The 2025 Periop Nurses Week celebration hosted by the AORN Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly highlighted the transformative power of perioperative nurse educators in advancing surgical safety. Featured speaker **Dr. Ray-an Talatala, DNP, RN, CNOR, NP-BC, FAORN**, shared his team’s journey toward achieving the *AORN Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety: Prevention of Retained Surgical Items (RSI)* designation. His presentation underscored how strategic education, interdisciplinary collaboration, and evidence-based practice can elevate perioperative safety outcomes. The CNESA expressed their sincere appreciation to AORN leaders Dr. Lisa Spruce and Ms. Hannah Campbell for their steadfast support. The event welcomed more than 50 engaged perioperative leaders, reinforcing a shared commitment to excellence, innovation, and patient safety.

# AORN 2026 Expo Featured Educator Sessions

🎉 Come cheer on our nurse educators as they take the podium and present their innovative projects and ideas.

- **CNESA Meeting and Presentation: Game On! Evidence-Based Gaming Techniques for Nursing Educators**
- **Lighting the Pathway: Empowering Novice Perioperative Nurses to Lead with Purpose**
- **Reimagining Perioperative Education: Integrating Competency for Excellence**
- **Escape Room: A "HOT" New Way to Engage Learners**
- **Understanding Organizational Impact of Education on Knowledge and Clinical Outcomes**
- **Give Me Feedback! Changing the View on Preceptor Paperwork**
- **Precision & Passion: Learning to Educate, Lead and Inspire**
- **PeriOperative Preceptor Development Course**

Please check the AORN Expo agenda to see the complete list of education sessions:

<https://www.aorn.org/surgical-expo/conference/schedule-by-day>

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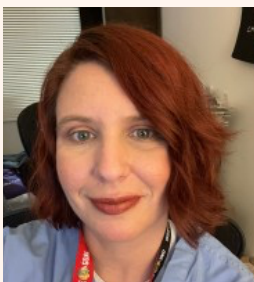
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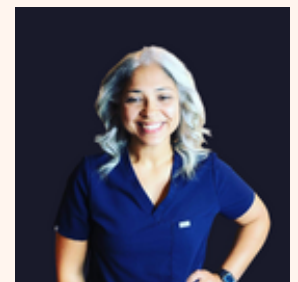
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