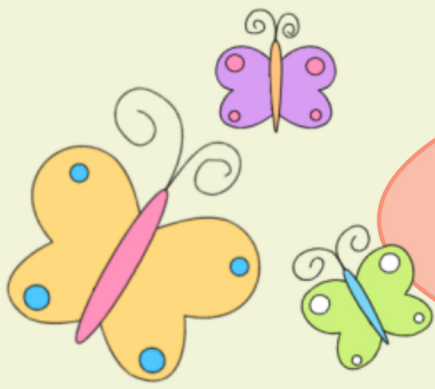




AORN Chapter 1402 Spring Newsletter

A Message From Our Chapter President

Dear Chapter 1402 Members,

As we close another remarkable year, I find myself reflecting on all we have accomplished together and feeling tremendously proud of the chapter we have built. From our paint party and Glow Bingo fundraiser to our Student Nurse Seminar and our recognition as a Five-Star Chapter at the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo in New Orleans, this has been a year worth celebrating.

Serving as your chapter president for the past four years has been one of the great privileges of my career. Volunteering for this organization is truly a labor of love, and that commitment has shaped me as a professional in ways I could not have anticipated. I am proud beyond words of what we have built together, proud of our members, proud of our work, and proud of the impact we have in our community. What I have valued most is the opportunity to collaborate with so many dedicated and inspiring colleagues; each of you has made this experience deeply meaningful, and I am a better nurse and educator for it.

It is now my honor to pass the gavel to Pamela Wright, our incoming president for 2026–2027. Pamela's contributions as our secretary and as president-elect have already made a meaningful impact on this chapter. She has my full confidence and respect, and I could not be more excited to see what she and this chapter will achieve together. Chapter 1402 is in exceptional hands.

As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to stay engaged. Attend our events, check aorn.org regularly for updates, and reach out to any officer or board member with questions, comments, or suggestions. Your voice shapes this chapter.

Thank you for an extraordinary year. It has been my honor to serve you.

With gratitude,
Jamie J Carver, MSN, RN, CNOR

Upcoming Events

Summer Social TBD

9/10/26 First Fall
Meeting

2/12/27 Glo Bingo

3/13/27 AORN
Seminar



2025-2026 Chapter 1402

Chapter 1402

Here are our 2025-2026 Chapter 1402 Officers, Board Members, and Committees - each dedicated to supporting our members, advancing education, and strengthening our perioperative community in Southern Illinois. Thank you to all who serve and volunteer your time and talents. Your leadership keeps our chapter thriving!

Chapter Officers

President

Jamie Carver BSN, RN, CNOR

President-Elect / Secretary

Pamela Wright BSN, RN, CNOR-ROBO,
RNFA

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Dee Anne Bennis BSN, RN, CNOR

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Karen Geittmann MSN, RN

Barton Shurtz RN

Lindsay Lipe RN

Current Membership

77 members

Renewal cost is down to \$125/year from \$170. There is also a monthly option now, starting at \$11.99.

Committees

Nominating

Chair: Jamie Carver

Co-Chair: Dee Anne Bennis

Member: Lindsay Lipe

Legislative

Chair: Dee Anne Bennis

Co-Chair: Jamie Carver

Newsletter

Chair: Pamela Wright

Co-Chair: Jamie Carver

Membership

Chair: Pamela Wright

Co-Chair: Barton Shurtz

Member: Lindsay Lipe

Education

Chair: Karen Geittmann

Co-Chair: Jamie Carver

Ways & Means

Chair: Dee Anne Bennis

Co-Chair: Karen Geittmann

Scholarship

Chair: Jamie Carver

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AORN CHAPTER 1402 IN ACTION

AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo — New Orleans 2026 By Pamela Wright BSN, RN, CNOR-ROBO, RNFA

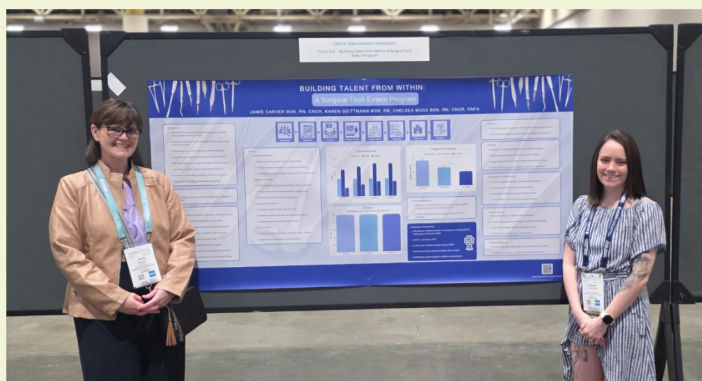
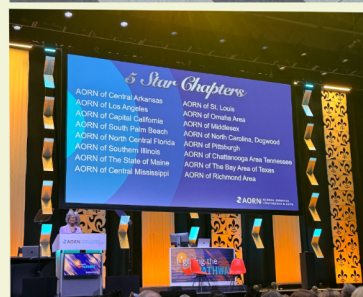
The energy of New Orleans set the perfect stage for one of the most exciting moments in AORN Chapter 1402's history. This April, five of our own traveled to represent Southern Illinois Healthcare at the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo — and we came home with memories, knowledge, and a well-earned award in hand.

Chapter 1402 was proudly represented by Pamela Wright BSN, RN, CNOR-ROBO, RNFA; Jenna Toler RN, CNOR, RNFA; Lindsay Lipe RN; Chelsea Moss BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA; and Jamie Carver MSN, RN, CNOR. Together we immersed ourselves in cutting-edge educational sessions, explored the latest innovations in surgical technology, connected with perioperative professionals from across the country, and returned energized with fresh perspectives to strengthen our practice here at home.

Our chapter had a remarkable and multifaceted presence on the national stage. **Lindsay Lipe served as an AORN Ambassador**, representing Chapter 1402 and welcoming attendees as part of the official conference experience — a role that reflects her enthusiasm and dedication to the broader perioperative community. **Jamie Carver was selected to serve on a conference panel**, bringing her expertise and voice to a national professional conversation. **Jamie also presented the poster "From Survey to Safety: Using Feedback to Strengthen Double Gloving Compliance,"** demonstrating how intentional feedback systems can drive meaningful safety improvements in the OR. **Jamie and Chelsea Moss co-presented "Building a Team from Within: A Surgical Extern Program,"** showcasing an innovative approach to growing perioperative talent from within. Both presentations reflect the exceptional clinical thinking and dedication that define our chapter.

The crowning moment came during the general session when **AORN of Southern Illinois lit up the main stage screen** in front of hundreds of perioperative professionals as a recipient of the **AORN 5 Star Chapter Award** — earned through excellence in member growth, diversity and inclusion initiatives, meetings, contact hours, and attendance percentage. This recognition belongs to every single member who has shown up, volunteered, and invested in our chapter this year. We are incredibly proud to bring this honor home to Southern Illinois.

New Orleans reminded us that while our chapter is small, our impact is anything but. We are a chapter that shows up — for our patients, for each other, and for our profession.



Glo Bingo 2026: Neon Nights & Valentine Vibes



Glo Bingo 2026: Neon Nights & Valentine Vibes

By Pamela Wright BSN, RN, CNOR-ROBO, RNFA

Love was in the air — and so was neon — when AORN Chapter 1402 hosted Glo Bingo 2026 on February 13th at the Carterville Community Center. The Valentine's theme brought an extra layer of magic to an already electrifying evening, and the energy in the room was contagious from start to finish.

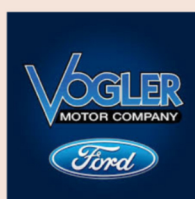
Glowing tables, spirited callers, and a lively silent auction kept guests entertained all night. Whether you came to win, bid, or simply enjoy a night out with your perioperative family, it was an evening full of laughter, community, and neon lights. We are thrilled to share that Glo Bingo 2026 was an incredible success — surpassing our goals and making a meaningful impact on education and scholarships for perioperative nurses across Southern Illinois.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated to our silent auction — your generosity added so much excitement to the evening and directly supports our mission. None of it would be possible without our incredible sponsors. **A special thank-you to our Silver Heart Sponsors, Smile Doctors and Deaconess Illinois**, for their generous commitment to our chapter. We are also deeply grateful to **Southern Illinois OB/GYN, Vogler Motor Company, SIH, Door Doctor, Watermark, Acosta Construction, and Sampaguita Stitches** for their continued support.

Thank you to every volunteer, donor, and attendee who made the night a success. We are already looking forward to next year!

♥ Save the Date: Glo Bingo 2027 — February 12, 2027

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Building with Purpose: A Successful Day of Hands-On Learning for Student Nurses

On Saturday, April 25, 2026, AORN Chapter 1402 hosted a full-day hands-on perioperative skills seminar for prelicensure nursing students. The event was held at John A. Logan College, which generously donated the space. Forty-four students from John A. Logan College and Southern Illinois University Carbondale attended.

The seminar featured eight vendor tables, skills tables coordinated by chapter members, one recruiting table, a photo booth, and three group skills sessions. Stations were arranged around the perimeter of the room, and students rotated through them in structured groups throughout the day.

Post-event evaluation results were strongly positive. Every respondent reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the seminar, said they would recommend it to other students, and found it helpful for their career path. **80% reported feeling extremely confident in applying what they learned.** Student comments highlighted the hands-on stations, suturing, and robotics demonstrations as favorites, with one student writing, **"The amount of vendors to teach different things was incredible — everyone was so knowledgeable and kind."**

This event would not have been possible without the support of our partners. We extend sincere thanks to John A. Logan College for donating the space.

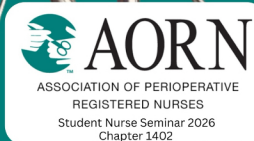
We are deeply grateful to our vendor partners, whose participation, expertise, and generosity made the day possible:

Covidien — Tom Corley
Biogel — Teresa Pew and Carlo Butican
Medtronic Spine — Paul Kuntze
Zimmer Biomet Rib Plating — Kevin Neblock
Stryker Smoke Evacuation — AJ Jeffers
EA Medical — Doug Dotson
Convatec — Rodney Ford
Applied Medical — Jessica Parris
SIH Recruiting

We also thank our chapter volunteers, who staffed stations, supported logistics, and made students feel welcome throughout the day: Pamela Wright, Chelsea Moss, Karen Geittmann, Jenna Toler, Lindsay Lipe, Justin Carver, and Jamie Carver.

Planning is already underway for the 2027 seminar. A larger venue has been secured, and additional skills activities are in development. If you are interested in sponsoring or participating in next year's event, please contact Jamie Carver at aorn1402@gmail.com.

Submitted by the seminar organizer and Chapter 1402 President



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." -Mahatma Gandhi

Chapter 1402 Member Spotlight



Lindsay Lipe, RN

1. Tell us about yourself and your role in perioperative nursing.

My name is Lindsay Lipe, and I've been a registered nurse for about four years. I currently work in the operating room, where I have most recently specialized in neurosurgery. As a perioperative nurse, I serve as a circulator and help ensure that each patient receives safe, efficient, and compassionate care throughout their surgical experience.

What I love most about perioperative nursing is that no two days are ever the same. Neurosurgery can be incredibly fast-paced and complex, which has pushed me to grow both personally and professionally. I enjoy being part of a team that works so closely together and knowing that even the smallest details can make a huge impact on patient outcomes. Outside of work, I'm currently pursuing my BSN and studying for my CNOR — and I hope to obtain my First Assistant certification one day!

2. You recently received SPARK recognition from SIH — what did that achievement mean to you?

Receiving SPARK recognition from SIH was incredibly meaningful to me because it reminded me that the hard work we put in every day truly matters. In the operating room, we often move quickly from one case to the next without stopping to reflect on the impact we're making.

Being recognized by my peers and leadership is both humbling and encouraging. It validated the effort I put into caring for my patients, supporting my team, and striving to be someone others can depend on — and it has motivated me to keep showing up with that same passion every day.

3. New Orleans was your first AORN Expo — how did it compare to what you expected, and what was your favorite part?

Attending my first AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo in New Orleans exceeded every expectation I had. I expected it to be educational, but I didn't realize just how inspiring it would be. Being surrounded by perioperative nurses from all over the country who share the same passion was incredible.

The expo hall was like heaven — seeing all the products we use every day and discovering how many opportunities exist within perioperative nursing was eye-opening. I loved networking, bringing back new ideas for my own practice, and the friendships it created. I got to know our local group on a personal level, connected with a perioperative nurse from Northern Illinois, and even met a perioperative nursing influencer I'd followed since my very first days in the OR.



Chelsea Moss, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA

1. Tell us about yourself and your role in perioperative nursing.

My name is Chelsea, and I am the Perioperative Professional Development Leader at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital. I began my career as a Certified Surgical Technologist before transitioning into nursing as an OR Circulator. I'm proud to have been part of the first cohort in the country to earn the CFPN certification, followed by my CNOR. After graduating with my BSN, I continued my education by completing the RNFA program. I have always had a passion for lifelong learning and sharing knowledge, especially with those new to the OR. Last fall, while researching the requirements for becoming an educator, I came across an opening for a Perioperative Education position. I decided to take the leap, and although I occasionally miss the action of the OR, I find it incredibly fulfilling to serve as a resource for our entire team.

2. Tell us about your involvement in Chapter 1402 — what brought you in and what has kept you engaged?

My involvement with AORN Chapter 1402 began naturally as I stepped into my new role as a Perioperative Educator. While I am new to AORN, I have enjoyed the opportunity to network and help host events that support and engage our local perioperative community.

3. You presented a poster at your first AORN Expo in New Orleans — what was that experience like from start to finish?

It was an incredible experience, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to have attended. Not only was this my first time presenting, but it was also my very first expo. I was nervous leading up to the event, but I walked away feeling confident and thankful for the professional connections I made.

4. What inspired your poster topic and what did you take away from the presentation experience?

I have to give credit to Jamie Carver for the inspiration! She had already invested a lot of time and effort into gathering data, and she kindly invited me to collaborate on the final poster so we could present together. Going into the presentation, I was curious to see how others would respond to our Surgical Tech Extern Program. To my surprise, we met several perioperative professionals from across the country who were eager to exchange information because their own hospital systems were launching similar programs. It was a fantastic opportunity to share our experiences and learn from one another's successes.

Member Spotlight and Highlights



Jenna Toler, RN, CNOR, RNFA

1. Tell us about yourself and your role in perioperative nursing.

I began my career as an OR circulator 11 years ago. After about five years, I expanded my skills by learning to scrub, and in 2022, I earned my Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) certification. Over the years, I have developed a strong passion for perioperative nursing and continue to grow through hands-on experience, education, and mentorship.

2. The New Orleans AORN Expo was your first — what was that experience like and what surprised you most?

Attending the AORN Expo in New Orleans was an incredible experience. Being surrounded by perioperative nurses from across the country who were eager to share knowledge, support one another, and discuss their experiences was both inspiring and refreshing. It reignited a sense of passion and motivation that can sometimes be difficult to maintain after working in the same environment for many years. What surprised me most was realizing how much our hospital and community are able to offer compared to many other rural facilities. Despite our size, we provide a wide variety of specialties and services that are not always available in similar communities.

3. What has your involvement in AORN Chapter 1402 meant to you, and how has it shaped your practice or career?

My involvement with AORN Chapter 1402 has helped me grow professionally in ways beyond my daily clinical role. Participating in community events, like helping educate future nurses about careers in the operating room, has added another level of purpose to my work. It has also strengthened my leadership and mentoring abilities, allowing me to better support and guide my coworkers.

4. What would you tell a new perioperative nurse about finding their place in this profession and in their local chapter?

I would encourage new perioperative nurses to remain open to learning and growth, because this profession constantly provides opportunities for both. Becoming involved in a local AORN chapter offers a sense of community, connection, and purpose outside of the day-to-day demands of the job. It allows you to build relationships, develop professionally, and stay inspired throughout your career.



🌟 AORN 5 Star Chapter Award 🌟

AORN Chapter 1402 was proudly recognized as a **5 Star Chapter** at the 2026 AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo in New Orleans - one of only a select group of chapters nationwide to receive this distinction. This prestigious recognition is based on member growth, diversity and equity initiatives, meetings and contact hours, and meeting attendance percentage. It is a reflection of every member who has shown up, engaged, and invested in this chapter. We are so proud to bring this honor home to Southern Illinois.

Giving Back To Our Community



This past December, Chapter 1402 was proud to donate over \$200 in gifts to two Angel Tree recipients - one child of an employee at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and one at Herrin Hospital. It was a small gesture with a big heart, and a beautiful reminder that the spirit of our chapter extends well beyond the walls of the OR. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make the holidays a little brighter for two deserving families.

Member Milestones

Every issue, we take a moment to pause and celebrate the incredible achievements of our chapter members - because the growth happening within Chapter 1402 extends far beyond the perioperative areas. From national presentations to advanced degrees, this year our members have shown up and shone bright in ways that make us all proud. Congratulations to each of you on your well-deserved milestones.



SPARK Level 3 Recognition

SPARK Level 3 recognition shone bright across our chapter family this year. Congratulations to the following members who advanced to SPARK Level 3:

From Harrisburg Medical Center: **Farrah Dennison, Julie Cunningham, Dani Oestreich, Paxton Kunath, Brandi Lucas, Teresa Bradley, and Djuana Vinyard.**

From Memorial Hospital of Carbondale: **Lindsay Lipe RN.**

SPARK recognition celebrates employees who demonstrate exceptional commitment to patient care, teamwork, and professional excellence. Each of you represents the very best of perioperative nursing in Southern Illinois, and Chapter 1402 is incredibly proud to celebrate you.

NARUS 2026: Representing SIH on the National Stage

This past February, Pamela Wright BSN, RN, CNOR-ROBO, RNFA traveled to Las Vegas to represent Southern Illinois Healthcare at the North American Robotic Urologic Society (NARUS) 10th Anniversary Symposium, presenting "Beyond Urology: What Urology Can Learn From Other Service Lines." The presentation spotlighted Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's 24/7 robotic surgery platform and the innovative perioperative program built around it — with the community hospital model emerging as the standout of the session. Pamela has already received an invitation to return and present at NARUS 2027. In recognition of this achievement, she was also featured as the employee spotlight in Inside SIH, bringing well-deserved visibility to her contributions both within our organization and on the national stage. We are incredibly proud to have Pamela representing our chapter, our hospital, and our community on a platform of this caliber.



Jamie Carver Earns MSN Through Historic Nursing Education Grant

Congratulations to Chapter 1402 President Jamie Carver MSN, RN, CNOR on the completion of her Master of Science in Nursing — Nurse Educator track at McKendree University! Jamie graduated in May 2026, adding another remarkable achievement to an already distinguished career. McKendree University's Division of Nursing was awarded \$980,000 in Congressional spending to build the rural nurse educator workforce, offering 60 BSN-prepared nurses fully funded tuition for the MSN Nurse Educator track — 21 of those grants were awarded to SIH employees. Jamie was among those selected, and her dedication to seeing it through to completion is a testament to her commitment to nursing education and the future of our profession. Chapter 1402 could not be more proud.

SIH Nursing Award Nominations

Chapter 1402 members were proudly nominated for SIH Nursing Awards — a powerful reflection of the talent and dedication within our chapter. Congratulations to:

- ★ Pamela Wright — Excellence in Nursing Practice Nominee
- ★ Samantha James — Excellence in Nursing Practice Nominee AND Excellence in Precepting/Clinical Coach Nominee
- ★ Lindsay Sanders — Excellence in Precepting/Clinical Coach Nominee
- ★ Makenzie Green — Nursing Rising Star Nominee
- ★ SJ Surgical Services Perioperative Team — Transformational Team Nominee
- ★ Jamie Carver — Educator of the Year Nominee
- ★ Karen Geittmann — Educator of the Year Nominee

Being nominated for these awards is a recognition of the exceptional care, leadership, and dedication you bring to your patients and your teams every single day. Chapter 1402 is honored to have so many outstanding members representing our chapter and our profession. Congratulations to all!



AORN Education Corner

Wait Time vs. Weight Load: The Ergonomic Gap in Prep Safety *by Chelsea Moss, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA*

If you ask any OR nurse how long an alcohol-based prep needs to dry, they will answer without hesitation: "Three minutes."

In the modern surgical environment, Universal Protocol, Timeouts, and Fire Prevention are the pillars of patient safety. Three-minute dry times and Fire Timeouts are non-negotiable standards. However, a complication arises when we factor in the physical well-being of the surgical team, specifically, the ergonomics of skin preparation.

Did you know that when prepping an extremity, AORN guidelines provide specific limits on how long a staff member can safely hold that limb based on the patient's weight? You might be surprised to find that nearly every extremity can be safely held for less than one minute.

According to the AORN Guideline for Safe Patient Handling and Movement:
"Lifting and holding limbs during skin antisepsis could contribute to an increased risk of musculoskeletal injury for perioperative team members because it requires arm extension that exerts strong forces on the muscles of the shoulders, arms, and back. When performing lifting tasks, the risk for injury increases as duration of muscle exertion increases."

The "total time" includes both the application of the antisepsis and the mandatory three-minute dry time. This means a task we often view as a "quick prep" actually requires several minutes of sustained, static muscle loading that far exceeds recommended safety limits.

So, how do we bridge this gap? While fire prevention is vital, preventing workplace injuries is equally essential for a sustainable career in perioperative nursing. AORN recommends:

- **Additional team member assistance to distribute the weight.**
- **Assistive devices (such as limb-holding stands) to maintain the position of the head, limbs, or panniculus during prep and the subsequent dry time.**

We all know the reality of the Operating Room, a surplus of free staff members is a rare luxury. Relying on "extra hands" is often not a viable long-term strategy.

Addressing this issue requires a shift in departmental culture and an investment in supportive equipment. While implementing new assistive technology or adjusting workflows takes time and effort, the trade-off is clear. **By prioritizing ergonomic safety alongside fire prevention, we ensure that we are not only protecting our patients but also preserving the safety and longevity of the professionals who care for them. Let's make "safe dry times" a standard that applies to both the patient's skin and the nurse's back.**



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Ergonomic Tool #3: Lifting and Holding the Patient's Legs, Arms, and Head While Prepping

Patient Weight	Body Part	Body Part Weight	Lift 1-Hand	Lift 2-Hand	Hold 2-Hand ≤ 1 minutes	Hold 2-Hand ≤ 2 minutes	Hold 2-Hand ≤ 3 minutes
≤ 40 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 6 lb (< 3 kg)					
	Arm	< 2 lb (< 1 kg)					
	Head	< 3 lb (< 1 kg)					
40-90 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 14 lb (< 6 kg)					
	Arm	< 5 lb (< 2 kg)					
	Head	< 8 lb (< 4 kg)					
90-140 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 22 lb (< 10 kg)					
	Arm	< 7 lb (< 3 kg)					
	Head	< 12 lb (< 6 kg)					
140-190 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 30 lb (< 14 kg)					
	Arm	< 10 lb (< 4 kg)					
	Head	< 16 lb (< 7 kg)					
190-240 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 38 lb (< 17 kg)					
	Arm	< 12 lb (< 6 kg)					
	Head	< 20 lb (< 9 kg)					
240-290 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 46 lb (< 21 kg)					
	Arm	< 15 lb (< 7 kg)					
	Head	< 24 lb (< 11 kg)					
290-340 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 53 lb (< 24 kg)					
	Arm	< 17 lb (< 8 kg)					
	Head	< 29 lb (< 13 kg)					
340-390 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 61 lb (< 28 kg)					
	Arm	< 20 lb (< 9 kg)					
	Head	< 33 lb (< 15 kg)					
390-440 lb (≤ 18 kg)	Leg	< 69 lb (> 31 kg)					
	Arm	< 22 lb (> 10 kg)					
	Head	< 37 lb (> 17 kg)					
> 440 lb (> 200 kg)	Leg	< 69 lb (> 31 kg)					
	Arm	< 22 lb (> 10 kg)					
	Head	< 37 lb (> 17 kg)					

AORN SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations to Our 2026 Scholarship Recipients!

Each year, AORN Chapter 1402 proudly awards two \$500 scholarships to support the next generation of healthcare professionals in Southern Illinois. We are thrilled to announce our 2026 recipients:

★ Healthcare Worker Scholarship:

Zachary Johnson, RN, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale – presented by Jamie Carver

★ High School Senior Scholarship:

Madelyn Montgomery, Marion High School – presented by Chelsea Moss

These scholarships are made possible through the generosity of our sponsors, the success of events like Glo Bingo, and the dedication of our chapter members. We congratulate both recipients and applaud their commitment to the future of healthcare.

Applications for the 2026 scholarship cycle will open in the fall. Visit our Nursing Network page to apply.



Tis the Season to Splatter!

Chapter 1402 closed out 2025 in true perioperative fashion — with paint flying and smiles glowing. In December, our members and friends gathered for the Holiday Splatter Party, trading scrubs for paint-splattered gear for an evening of creativity, laughter, and team bonding. It was the perfect way to celebrate the season and each other after a remarkable year. Events like this remind us that the friendships we build in this chapter extend far beyond the OR — and that sometimes the best medicine is simply laughing with your people.

AORN MEMBERSHIP MENU

Join or Renew Your AORN Membership!

Whether you're just starting out or ready to reconnect, there's a membership option designed for you:

- ★ \$1 Trial — 2-month full access for new RN members. No pressure, cancel anytime. (excludes CNOR Prep Course)
- ★ New to Profession (RN) — \$50/year for RNs with 3 years or less of perioperative experience. Includes CNOR Prep Course.
- ★ Standard Membership (RN) — \$125/year or \$11.99/month. Includes CNOR Prep Course (annual only).
- ★ Associate Membership (non-RN) — \$125/year for surgical technologists, LPNs, anesthesia technicians, sterile processing professionals, and industry partners.
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9/17/26	5:30pm
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1/21/27	5:30pm
2/18/27	5:30pm
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4/21/27	5:30pm
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Your voice keeps AORN Chapter 1402 strong.

Why Join AORN Chapter 1402?

AORN Chapter 1402 is more than a professional organization — it is a community. As a member, you gain access to local networking and education opportunities, CE offerings, scholarship support, and a group of colleagues who are passionate about advancing perioperative excellence right here in Southern Illinois. Whether you attend meetings, volunteer at events, serve on a committee, or simply stay connected, your membership strengthens our chapter and our profession. We are a chapter that shows up — for our patients, for our community, and for each other. No matter where you are in your perioperative journey, there is a place for you here.

Are you interested in taking a more active role? We are always looking for dedicated members to serve on committees or run for a chapter office. Scan the QR code to complete our Willingness to Serve form and let us know how you would like to get involved. Your voice and your leadership matter — and Chapter 1402 is better because of members like you.



Willingness to Serve



Ideas for the Newsletter?

💡 Help us make each issue more meaningful and fun! Send us your photos, event ideas, articles, OR tips, member shout-outs / milestones, or anything that highlights our amazing chapter!!

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Thank you for staying connected with AORN Chapter 1402.
We value your involvement and can't wait to connect with you at upcoming meetings and events!