



# PREVENTING LOST SURGICAL SPECIMENS

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026 | 6PM - 7PM**

## OVERVIEW

Loss of surgical specimens is considered a "never" event. Imagine if you had undergone a procedure to determine if you have cancer, and the surgical team lost the specimens. How would you, as the patient, feel? How would the staff feel? Surgical specimen management is among the most critical responsibilities in the operating room.

This presentation will cover the three phases of surgical pathology testing, causes of lost surgical specimens, and evidence-based strategies to avoid them. We will review two cases of lost specimens to help demonstrate where the error occurred.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe the three phases of surgical pathology testing
- Identify three causes of surgical specimen loss
- Explain one evidence-based strategy to prevent surgical specimen loss

**This free virtual program will be held via Zoom.  
A link will be provided upon registration.**

## MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

[aornsfbayarea.nursingnetwork.com](https://aornsfbayarea.nursingnetwork.com)

## SPEAKER



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## ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

AORN of The San Francisco Bay Area is a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, CEP# 17349, for **1.0 contact hour**.

**Immediately following the education program, our Monthly Touch Base Meeting with Chapter President Cassandra Munro will take place.**

## REGISTER BY



**AUG 5 @ 5:45PM**