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***President's report***

Greetings,

I would like us first to recognize the terrible tragedy of events that occurred one week ago in San Bernardino. This reminded many of us of other tragic events. It seems that the threat is real and “active shooters” can occur in any region of our country at any time. A few years ago, I presented this topic at an AORN meeting in Dartmouth. How do you respond when there is a “code silver” or active shooter in your facility? Have you been trained? Do you ever think about caring for patients who only feel safe if they have a weapon ‘on their body’? While preparing my presentation, it occurred to me that we have no metal detection in our hospital, or many other local places that I visit. How do we know that our patients and families are observing our signs to carry no weapons into the building? Our department is located adjacent to the emergency room. What if an active shooter ends up in the OR looking for a patient you are working

on? These are all “what ifs” but we should be prepared to be safe and keep our patients safe.

I would like to offer this quick safety training for active shooters. Remember the acronym **NEST**.

- **N-“Not Nothing”:** Active shooter in building you should react; run, hide under a desk, lock yourself in another room. Reaction would be determined by location of shooter, “hot zone” immediate vicinity, “warm zone” on a different floor, “cold zone” much further away as in a different wing.
- **E- Evacuate:** Know your exits when in a room/building to determine if able to evacuate. If able and shooter is in the vicinity, evacuate quickly, leave belongings, lock doors, dial 911. When police arrive and you are leaving the building walk with your arms out, palms up so police know you are not involved. It is difficult to determine who the shooter is in many cases.
- **S-Shelter in Place:** If unable to evacuate due to location of shooter, go to any location you can lock or barricade yourself or others in. Make the room look empty by turning off lights, computers, closing blinds and staying low to floor. If possible, attempt to place some type of sign/paper on outside window to let responders know you are there.
- **T-Take Action:** Last resort, however, if the shooter does enter the area where you are sheltered, look for possible weapons to overcome the individual; a chair or heavy object that can be thrown.

We may think it might never happen in our small states, or communities, but we should never assume that security or others will be right there to protect us and our patients if it does occur.

My thoughts and prayers continue to be with the victims and their families, deceased and survivors, and the emergency personnel. We will never be able to prepare for this trauma afflicted on the victims. Please take the time to refresh on training that you may have already had, or learn to be more prepared if this tragedy should ever occur.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and wish a Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas to you and your families.

Sincerely,

Kim Cotter



Hot Topics

Members question and concerns

1. Has anyone used warm IV fluid in the OR to prevent ortho patients from being hypothermic in recovery?
2. What is your procedure for tissue tracking, from the time the tissue arrives at your institution to its use?
3. What is your institution's policy for accounting for Propofol use? Is it the responsibility of the Nursing staff or anesthesia staff?

Important dates

January 2-3, 2016

CNOR Review Class 16 CEU

Catholic Medical Center

Manchester NH

Registration deadline December 26, 2015

Fee \$195.00

Late fee registration December 27-29, 2015

Late fee \$ 245.00

January 15, 2016

Deadline for AORN Expo attendance
scholarship through the AORN Foundation

January 23-24, 2016

CPAN/CAPA Exam Prep and Review Course

Virtual review class 16 CEU

Early registration fee received by:

December 26, 2016 \$245.00

Regular registration between December 28-
January 16, 2016 \$ 270.00

February 14, 2016

Deadline for Chapter 3001 delegate application

March 12, 2016

AORN Chapter 3001 Conference

Dartmouth Hitchcock

Lebanon, NH

"Greening the OR"

More information to follow

March 19-20, 2016

CAPA CPAN Certification Prep Course

16.0 CEU

Cheshire Medical Center

Keene NH

Early registration fee

Received by Feb 19, 2016: \$245.00

Regular registration fee Feb 20-Mar. 12 \$270

Register on-line at: www.Periop-ed.com

Spring 2016

Chapter Conference in the seacoast area

Date to be determind.

