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Presidents Message

Autumn in South Louisiana is like no other place, especially in October. People up north may brag about their full four seasons of winter, spring, summer, and fall; but, ask about our four seasons, and the answer may be, Hurricane, Hunting, Carnival, and Football! Our trees may not change to red, yellow, and gold, but, our trees definitely change to Purple & Gold, Black & Gold, and Pink. Pink? Yes, Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

We, as nurses, are primary caregivers for so many people, but who is taking care of us? Nursing is predominately female, and though the leading cause of death for women, according to the CDC, is Heart Disease, Cancer is a very close second. Except for Skin Cancer, Breast Cancer is the most common cancer for American Women. Some statistics from the CDC report that Breast Cancer is:

- The most common cancer in women, no matter your race or ethnicity.*
- The most common cause of death from cancer among Hispanic women.*
- The second most common cause of death from cancer among white, black, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native women.*

In 2009 (the most recent year numbers are available)—

- 211,731 women and 2,001 men in the United States were diagnosed with breast cancer.*†*
- 40,676 women and 400 men in the United States died from breast cancer.*†*
<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/statistics/>

*This month, we look forward to seeing you in the Crawford Center, Esplanade room 1, at East Jefferson General Hospital on the 23rd of October, as Frank Caracci with Stryker will be doing a presentation on **Bone Cement: Clinical Considerations** and there will be directions on how to obtain CE credit online. Mike Weibelt with Zeiss will do a demonstration on the new Lumera eye microscope that EJ just purchased and also providing dinner. Parking is available in the Hudson Parking Garage. From the first floor, make a right, and if you enter through the Domino Pavilion, exit left from the elevators and follow the signs. Don't forget, next month we celebrate PeriOperative Nurses Week, November 11 – 15. Please take a Time Out to recognize all that we do!*

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President's Message cont ...

*Though we are all thinking Pink this month, for all of the men at work, don't despair, because next month will be your turn to celebrate **Movember**, for Men's Health Awareness. So start growing your **MO**, and still keep working hard to "Save the TaTas!"*

Thank you for all that you do,

Ramie

AORN of New Orleans – Chapter 1902

President

Louisiana State Council of AORN Chapters

Treasurer



Stay connected; bridge the gap with a colleague.



Meeting Minutes – from the Secretary

Called to order 4:47PM

Ramie Miller, President, called the meeting to order. Each member and guest introduced themselves.

Ramie thanked our vendors for the pizza and sodas!

Minutes from the August Meeting

Mandy asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter, posted on OR Nurse Link and the chapter website. There were no recommendations for corrections. The motion to accept the minutes as published was made and seconded. The minutes, as published, were approved.

Treasury Report

Mary reported that the is \$3647.10 in the chapter's bank account.

Membership

Brenda had membership applications and pamphlets available at the meeting. Everyone was invited to take them back to their facility.

Student Membership

Ann reported that, as a result of the presentations to the nursing students, 6 nursing students have joined AORN; Ann has 3 more presentations scheduled.

FUSE Project

Nathalie Walker reported on a webinar that she recently participated in on the FUSE Project. AORN is working with SAGE to help write the test for RNFA and APRNs who want a certification in electrosurgical modalities related to surgery (lasers, electrosurgery, etc). Beta testing to validate the certification exam is now underway. If you are an RN that first assists in surgery and would like to take the beta test -- AT NO COST FOR THE TEST OR CERTIFICATION -- here's what you need to do:

To receive more information, go to

<http://www.fuseprogram.org/fuse-beta-exam/>

- 1) Online didactic program
<http://www.fuseprogram.org/>
- 2) Supplemental Material available for purchase:
Study Guide: listed on Amazon.com: The SAGES Manual on the Fundamental Use of Surgical Energy (FUSE) in paperback
- 3) Local/Regional test site: Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans.

This information is also posted on OR Nurse Link.

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PLEASE REVIEW SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES ON PAGES 2, 5 & 6 – for approval on 10/23

Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 166
Members - 117
Lifetime – 3
2/3yr - 21
Retired – 7
Associate – 6
Student Members - 14
APSNA – 1

We have 6 more members this month! Welcome and thank you to all new and renewing members! Remember to check your membership cards to make sure that Chapter 1902 is listed. Many members have been assigned to Membership at Large. If you are not listed on our Roster, our Chapter does not receive the chapter dues you pay.

Invite all Perioperative nurses to our meetings!

AORN Resources



<http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU's.
<https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipdeducationwebinarcalendar>



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>

(You are seeing it correctly; there is no "s")

Chapter Webpage:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

AORN Advocacy

White House Thanks Nursing Organizations for Work on Health Care Reform

9/17/2013

On Monday, September 16, AORN participated in a conference call hosted by President Obama and Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to discuss the October launch of the [Health Insurance Marketplace](#). HHS sees nurses as key players in helping Americans understand new coverage options that will be available when the Marketplace goes live on October 1. During the call, President Obama personally thanked the nursing organizations for their leadership during recent reform initiatives and their members' persistent dedication to patient safety as reform measures continue to be implemented. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius expressed optimism that HHS will reach its goal of enrolling over 7 million Americans in health insurance plans through the Marketplace by March of 2014.

Open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace starts October 1, 2013 and ends on March 31, 2014. Individuals, families and small business will be able to research and compare plans, and purchase coverage through the Marketplace. As the most trusted profession and source of health information, nurses are uniquely positioned to play a critical role in this phase of implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Nurses have exclusive opportunities to share information with patients, communities and fellow nurses about the importance of health insurance coverage to the health of all Americans.

The administration is asking nursing organizations like AORN to help their member nurses learn about the Marketplace to better enable nurses to help their patients understand.

HHS has concise information for health care providers to help answer any questions the providers or their patients may have about the Marketplace:

[Health Insurance Marketplace: 10 Things Providers Need to Know](#)

[Health Insurance Marketplace: 10 Things to Tell Your Patients](#)

AORN trivia ...

Here are a few trivia questions about the celebration of Perioperative Nursing; see if you can answer before checking the answers!

1. The AORN House of Delegates approved a resolution that AORN designate a day each year to Promote consumer education regarding the role of the perioperative nurse; what was this day called?
When was the first OR Nurse Day celebrated?
2. When was this day first celebrated?
3. When did OR Nurse Week change to Perioperative Nurses Week?
4. Where can you get ideas for celebrating OR Nurse Week?
5. How many states have legislation related to the role of the circulating nurse?

REMINDER FOR OCTOBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2013

4:30 -6:00 PM



EDUCATION PRESENTATION: 2 CE

"Preparation & Safe Use
of PMMA Bone Cement"

Presented by Frank Caracci, Stryker
Trauma/Recon

Crawford Center-Esplanade I
(1st Floor Adjacent to Garage)

PARK in the HUDSON GARAGE



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE AN UPDATE OR
INFO FROM YOUR
FACILITY!**

? QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How many caregivers does it take for a supine to prone patient transfer?

Answer

Four caregivers should be available for a supine-to-prone patient transfer. One anesthesia care provider should maintain the airway and support the patient's head, while other members of the team are responsible for the patient's trunk and extremities.

Two caregivers, plus the anesthesia care provider, can safely transfer a patient weighing up to 48.5 lb from the supine to prone position. Three caregivers, plus an anesthesia care provider can safely transfer a patient weighing up to 72.7 lb. If the patient's weight is greater than 73 lbs, it is necessary to use assistive technology and a minimum of three to four caregivers.

Resources

Recommended Practices for Sterile Technique can be found in *Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices, 2013 Edition*.



Meeting Minutes – continued

There will be no cost for AORN members to take the test and become certified. Ochsner New Orleans will be one of the testing sites. We need a minimum of 200 members to validate the test

Instrument Room Personnel Certification

Legislative Conference Call: New Jersey has legislation requiring instrument room personnel to be certified to practice. Massachusetts and New York are also pushing for educated, certified staff in the instrument room. Nathalie has already started the communication with the legislators in Louisiana to support this perioperative movement.

OR Nurses' Week Proclamation

Nathalie reported that the Mayor of New Orleans will recognize perioperative nurses with a Proclamation for OR Nurses Week. An article will also be written about how nurses make a difference with patient safety. A photo op will also be planned. If you take pictures for Perioperative Nurses Week, please send them to Nathalie for the website and AORN.

Conference Call on the Affordable Care Act

Nathalie will be on a conference call with CMS and other AORN State Council representatives representing AORN. VP Biden will be on the call. They want to share information so that nurses become aware of the information to help patients and family members better understand what is available. More information will follow soon.

Bylaws

The Chapter Bylaws have been posted on OR Nurse Link and on the Website for at least 45 days. A copy with the proposed changes was also available at this meeting. A motion was made to accept the Bylaws and Procedures. It was a unanimous vote to accept the Bylaws and Procedure. Every member will have a copy that can be downloaded from OR Nurse Link. An email will be sent by request to have the Bylaws sent to members.

Contact Hours from August Meeting

Members reported that the contact hour for last meeting had not yet been sent. Mandy will investigate the reason and report to the group prior to the next meeting.

Newsletter

Mary Anne is working on getting the Newsletter out to individual members but the file is too large to send it out to a large group (it is still an individual email). It is being posted on OR Nurse Link and the Chapter website.

Young Professionals

Carrie is writing the blog focused on the young professionals in AORN. The blog is attached to the Chapter Website. Please check it out.

Seminar October 19th

Mary Anne has been working with Shane from Synthes. The 1/2 day seminar on Saturday, October 19th has been confirmed. The cost will be \$15 for students, \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Please take the information back to your facility to "SAVE THE DATE." More details to follow. The program content will be basic plating and screws with Synthes.

Forms on OR Nurse Link

The chapter will need to select Delegates for the Surgical Conference and Expo (3/29-4/2/2014). The chapter can seat up to seven delegates at the Congress Temporary "Willingness to Serve" forms are available at the meeting and will be sent to anyone interested in going to the Conference as a delegate. The deadline for delegate submission will be in January. Let one of the Board Members know if you are interested in going to the Conference as a Delegate. There is a points system that will be used to select the delegates. The details of the point system are in the chapter's Policy manual under Guidelines for Delegate Selection.

Delgado Career Fair

Ann reminded everyone that the Delgado School of Nursing Career Fair is coming up. There will be many vendors in attendance. The chapter will not participate in this one and concentrate on the student nurse conference in October.

SNA Conference

The Student Nurses Association Conference will be held on October 3-6, 2013 in Baton Rouge. The chapter will be there on Friday and Saturday (8A-5P) in green scrubs. Nathalie and Ramie have lots of OR stuff to use for demonstration and to talk about with the students. If anyone would like to participate, let Nathalie or Ramie know.

November 20 Social

Sharon is awaiting a response from the reps with Ethicon and will keep us informed.

Seminar January 25, 2014

Nathalie reported that the speakers are lined up for the 2nd Annual Conference in January 25th. This will be a fundraiser for the chapter. This will be both an Educational Seminar and Vendor Fair. Sharon will need help getting vendors for the Vendor Fair. The speakers have confirmed Carlene McMillan (social media), Vangie Dennis (from Atlanta) will do two programs (Laser Safety and one other topic), and Vivian Watson (motivational speaker - AORN Omnsbudsman). The seminar will be held at East Jefferson General Hospital in the Conference Center. There will be enough space for 100 participants. Invitations will be sent via OR Nurse Link to Mississippi, Alabama and Texas. We are also working on getting approval for continuing education credit for surgical technologists.

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EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

TRUCLEAR Hysteroscopic Morcellation System: Andrew Orellana with Smith and Nephew presented information on the TRUCLEAR System, a hysteroscopic fluid management system. It is making a huge impact in treatment of infertility and dysfunctional uterine bleeding. Truclear is becoming the gold standard for removing intrauterine polyps and fibroids. The advantages of morcellation vs resectoscopy include: timing - quicker, safer (saline used), no tissue chips, single insertion, 100% tissue aspiration.

da Vinci Robotic System for GYN: Nicholas Authement, Intuitive Surgical, presented information on the da Vinci Surgery System for Gynecology. In 2005, 518,828 benign hysterectomies were performed; 65% were still being done in an open fashion; 22% vaginal; 14% laparoscopic. In 1989, the 1st laparoscopic hysterectomy was performed. MIS hysterectomies since 2005 have greatly increased. daVinci is enabling MIS. Why? Enhanced visualization (3 D and 1080 eye),

visualization is a steady state camera (surgeon able to move the camera themselves - complete autonomy); intuitive motion (don't have to think about the motion - just do it; tremor control to filter out unnecessary motion); wristed instrumentation. Advancements in technology - Dual Console available (surgeon can interact with the learner at all times - can take control at any time), can use all 3 operative arms at all times; EndoWrist One Vessel Sealer (ligasure like instrument with the full wrist motion); Surgical Simulation (allows practice outside of a real live setting); FireFly Fluorescence Imaging (switch from near white light to infrared vision). The FDA has cleared Single Site hysterectomy coming from da Vinci in the future (virtually scarless intra-abdominal hysterectomy).

Berthold Bed: Jeff Robert, Wylie Langford, and Alex Fritts from Berchtold, demonstrated the Berchtold Operon D850 Surgical Table. This bed can hold up to 1000 lbs in normal orientation or 500 lbs in reverse orientation. A discussion about specific patient positioning situations was very informative and facilitated lots of discussion among the group.



Applications for the 2014 TrueNorth Award are open. CCI developed the TrueNorth Award as a means to recognize those facilities whose True North principles guide their nursing staff to be lifelong learners, models of competent practice, and advocates for excellence.

Overview

Certification in many ways acts as a compass directing a nurse's clinical practice towards the nationally accepted standards. The award nationally recognizes an organization that advocates for and promotes specialty nursing certification. CCI believes that specialty nursing certification ultimately leads to quality patient care as registered nurses are required to validate their specialized knowledge and skills through the rigorous CNOR certification exam process.

Certified nurses are committed to improving patient outcomes and look to certification to provide the guiding principles.

The Award

The CCI TrueNorth Award consists of five CNOR recertification vouchers to be distributed by the winning organization at their discretion and a commemorative award. Arrangements will be made with the recipient organization for the CCI President and/or member of the CCI Board of Directors to personally present the TrueNorth Award for Perioperative Nursing Certification Excellence at a

ceremony held at the recipient organization's facility. CCI will also provide \$1,500 for a celebratory reception to be held in conjunction with the award presentation. The date of the award presentation and reception may coincide with Certified Nurses' Day or another event of the organization's choosing. CCI will issue a press release announcing the recipient. The recipient organization may distribute this press release to their media and other contacts list.

Eligibility

Health care organizations that employ CNOR certified nurses or have certified nurses as members and/or representatives are eligible to apply for this award. Organizations include but are not limited to hospitals, health systems, surgical services departments, ambulatory surgery centers, and AORN chapters. A unit or division of a larger organization is eligible to apply. Organizations that employ any member of the CCI Board of Directors or CCI staff are ineligible. Self-nominations are acceptable.

For more information, download the TrueNorth application instructions.



Chapter 1902 Calendar

Meetings at 4:30 PM unless
otherwise noted

August 28, 2013
Chapter Meeting @
Ochsner New Orleans
Jefferson Hwy

September 25, 2013
Chapter Meeting @
Ochsner Baptist

October 5, 2013
LAPAN Seminar
Perianesthesia Pearls of
Wisdom in Baton Rouge

October 19, 2013
½ Day Seminar (8-12)
@ Ochsner Jefferson Hwy

October 23, 2013
Chapter Meeting @
East Jefferson

November 11-15, 2013
Perioperative Nurses
Week

November ?, 2013
Holiday Social

December, 2013
No Meeting

Remember
Visit us on the Web!

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Education

3.0 © Forced-Air Warming Devices and the Risk of Surgical Site Infections

MELISSA D. KELLAM, DNAP, CRNA; LORAIN S. DIECKMANN, PhD; PAUL N. AUSTIN, PhD, CRNA

2.5 © Implementing AORN Recommended Practices for Care of Patients Undergoing Pneumatic Tourniquet-Assisted Procedures

RODNEY W. HICKS, PhD, RN, FNP, FAANP, FAAN; BONNIE DENHOLM, MSN, RN, CNOR

Perioperative Nurses Week

The State of Colorado has already received a Governor's Proclamation for Perioperative Nurses Week, November 11 – 15, 2013. A request for a proclamation for Louisiana has been submitted.

Membership Committee Pulseline Celebrating Perioperative Nurse Week

By [Terri Goodman, PhD, RN, CNOR](#), Membership Committee Chair and Regional Coordinator for CO, IL, KS, ME, NH, NM, OK, TX, VT, eChapter

Perioperative Nurse Week is coming – November 11-15! That's the week to let the world know what perioperative nurses do and how valuable they are at some point in **EVERYONE'S** life. Get the word out!

There are many different things we can do to showcase our specialty. Here are some ideas from your perioperative colleagues.

- Have a bake sale in the hospital lobby or cafeteria and display posters/pictures to celebrate perioperative nurses
- Hold a "Teddy Bear Clinic" in the hospital or in a mall - folks have LOTS of questions about surgery
- Plan an outreach event - take perioperative nursing to a local high school, middle school, or nursing school
- Save the colored caps from medication bottles - have a "how many caps are in this container" contest with a prize for the winner
- Hold an open house for the children of hospital employees - set up in a room in a non-restricted area
- Get a proclamation from your state Governor or city Mayor (see article "Send Letters for Perioperative Nurse Week" below for more details)

AORN has a [whole page](#) of good ideas. Discuss Perioperative Nurse Week at your Chapter meeting or maybe the Chapter could sponsor an event! It's a wonderful way to engage members and have fun at the same time!



Legislative News

Ensuring that there is a perioperative registered professional nurse in the role of circulator in every operating room is the top legislative priority of AORN, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses. AORN asserts that it is the right of the patient to receive the highest quality nursing care. No other person is more knowledgeable or qualified to handle the multiple critical issues surrounding patient safety in the operating room than the registered nurse (RN) who is specifically trained in perioperative nursing. The perioperative RN, through professional and patient-centered expertise, is the primary patient advocate in the operating room and is responsible for monitoring all aspects of the patient's condition. The presence of the RN in the circulating role throughout each surgical procedure is essential for timely delivery of quality surgical care and optimal patient outcomes.

Top Ten Reasons to have a RN circulator in the OR

1. Patient Safety

Every surgical patient deserves to have a skilled, trained, and knowledgeable professional RN in the operating room with them, acting as the patient's champion and in the patient's best interests when the patient cannot.

2. Informed Monitoring

The RN serves the well-being of the patient as well as the success of the surgical team by performing as the active observer, vigilantly watching for any unforeseen or unintended event that might compromise the patient during the surgery.

3. The Patient's Advocate

Thorough medical training, enhanced by reading, listening, writing, and speaking skills, puts the RN in the singular position of serving as the patient's primary spokesperson.

4. Skillful Clinical Judgment

The RN's knowledge, observation, and assessment skills, combined with the ability to anticipate needs, are invaluable to the successful performance of the operating room and are crucial components of the coordinated decision-making process that defends the patient's well-being throughout the procedure.

5. Expert Evaluation

The RN is specifically trained in the practice of accurate perception and decision-making, enabling not only an accurate assessment of the patient's present state, but the capability to plan, implement, and continually evaluate that patient's care.

6. Critical Thinking

The RN's qualification and accuracy in recording, interpreting, and responding to a continuous stream of data is an essential aspect of the responsibility to serve as the guardian of the patient's well-being.

7. Accurate Assessment

The valuable combination of the RN's formal education, professional training and personal commitment to patient welfare makes it possible for him or her to respond quickly and appropriately to the surgical patient's biological, psychological, and social health.

8. Clear Communication Skills

The unique combination of professionalism, proficiency, and perception that define the RN provides the ability to continually interact with all members of the surgical team, resulting in the highest level of care available to the patient.

9. Time-Tested Knowledge

The RN's knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology are indispensable to the successful treatment of patients, who may present widely varied conditions.

10. Practice Grounded in Education

The RN has years of didactic and clinical education resulting in a firmly grounded understanding of all aspects of the perioperative arena beginning in pre-op, continuing through the surgical procedure in the operating room, and culminating in post-op.

Trivia- answers...

1. OR Nurse Day
2. November 14, 1979
3. 2000
4. Read the Chapter Newsletter or visit the AORN website
5. 23