

ACTION STEPS FOR AORN CHAPTERS

Leadership -

Steps to becoming a powerful advocacy chapter:

- Familiarize yourself with AORN's [Legislative Priorities](#).
- Identify a lead person in the chapter for advocacy.
- Use AORN's [What's Happening in My State](#) tool to learn about legislative activity AORN Government Affairs is tracking in your state.
- [Contact your AORN State Coordinator](#) to learn more about what is happening in your State; invite your State Coordinator to attend a chapter meeting and provide a legislative update.
- Invite City Council members, state representatives and state senators, and U.S. representatives and senators or their staff to attend your chapter meeting; offer to be a resource for them on OR and nursing issues.
See [AORN's Guide to Inviting Elected Officials to Chapter Meetings](#).
- Use AORN Government Affairs [Webinars](#) as tools to educate your chapter members on grassroots advocacy and how to read legislation.

Grassroots -

All AORN members can participate in legislative initiatives, including:

- Regularly reading the Advocacy section in AORN's email newsletter, Periop Insider.
- Writing letters, contacting elected officials, and attending state lobby days and other lobbying events in your state.
- Making telephone calls to state legislators supporting AORN's public policy positions and initiatives.
- Inviting lawmakers to your hospital, ASC or place of employment to provide OR tours.
- Offering to be a resource to state legislators and their staff on OR and nursing issues in the state.