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AORN defines the evidence-based standards for perioperative nursing that help keep healthcare workers and surgical patients safe while also providing education and resources to support high-quality care.

AORN Inc. includes a family of organizations dedicated to supporting nurses and surgical teams in providing evidence-based, quality care.



Outpatient Surgery Magazine

Outpatient Surgery Magazine connects the ambulatory surgery community and offers OR leaders a place to exchange ideas, learn about emerging trends and discover in-the-field solutions to daily challenges by providing the knowledge and tools to deliver high-quality care in the outpatient environment and keep healthcare workers and surgical patients safe.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



The publication's print and digital audience grew to

106,000

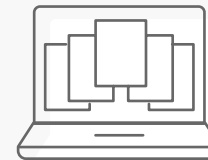


25,000

audited print subscribers with readers in

98.6%

of all Medicare outpatient facilities.



More than

200

cover articles addressed the critical issues of the year, including cybersecurity, violence against healthcare workers, post-COVID, workforce challenges, and the conviction of a nurse for medication errors.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



1,965

professional development grants were awarded to perioperative registered nurses



The

BARBA EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Award was established to support educational advancement for nurses of color



More than

\$2.3 MILLION

dollars was raised in support of education programs



AORN Foundation

AORN Foundation creates lifelong learning opportunities for perioperative nurses to support the future of the profession and the patients they care for every day. The mission of the AORN Foundation is to empower perioperative nurses in advancing patient and workplace safety through education and research.



AORN Syntegrity

AORN Syntegrity provides evidence-based solutions that can integrate all existing electronic health record systems to enable facilities to document perioperative workflows, improve surgical scheduling, and increase visibility of the impacts of perioperative nursing more accurately.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Enhanced surgical scheduling workflows by validating

14023 CPT® MAPPINGS

to 2961 AORN Syntegrity Primary Procedures



2248

regulatory, accreditation and standards/practice statements were cross walked to the AORN Syntegrity Documentation to demonstrate the “why” for documentation



Provided

3 FREE WEBINARS

and one eBook provided to AORN members in 2022 through funding from AORN Syntegrity

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Awarded accredited continuing education to more than

300,000

nurses and allied health professionals

The hottest topics, based on attendance, were Sharps Safety (11,992 attendees), Sterile Processing & the OR: Improving Connections for Better Outcomes (9,617 attendees), Proper Handling Techniques for Sterilization Wrap and Wrapped OR Trays (9,232 attendees)



Presented virtual and face-to-face events to more than

12,000

attendees



There were

14

focus groups, 4 national surveys, and 4 consultations provided to industry partners



Pfiedler Education

Pfiedler Education supports physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals by providing an array of web-based learning, online programs, single and multi-day events and seminars, and study guides to meet their continuing medical education needs. The educational content, developed by physician and nurse experts, is accredited and customized according to specialty, discipline, and the most effective format for its presentation.

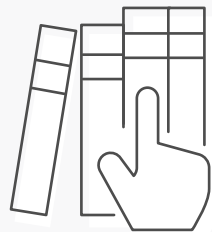


AORN, Inc.

In 2022, AORN supported the practice of more than 220,000 perioperative registered nurses who work in every surgical specialty in the ambulatory and acute care settings. These perioperative nurses rely on AORN's evidence-based education resources, including Guidelines for Perioperative Practice, to provide care during an estimated 10 million¹ surgical procedures. (¹AHRQ)

Our clinical and administrative staff continued to serve on the committees and boards of approximately 30 professional associations to protect and improve safe perioperative practices. AORN collaborated with dozens of professional and regulatory organizations, industry leaders, and other health care partners to achieve the greatest possible impact on healthcare worker and patient safety.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



AMBULATORY SURGERY

AORN increased the number of education resources that are specific to ambulatory and outpatient settings.

- ASC Academy: Leadership Development
- Ambulatory Online Education
- Prep for Infection Prevention Certification



NURSING PRACTICE

Eight updated guidelines presented new research and practices for evidence-based care in the 2022 edition of *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* and 42 education events were presented live and online in webinars, in-person workshops, and through the [Center for Nursing Leadership](#).



NURSING EDUCATION

Updated in 2022 to reflect the latest clinical standards and recommendations, including the reflection of a culturally diverse workforce and patient population, are 11 perioperative education videos and two new Periop 202 specialty courses for Endoscopy and Cardiovascular Procedures for ambulatory and acute care settings.



Membership

AORN members recognize the continued safe care of their surgical patients depends on their ability to stay current with evidence-based practice recommendations.

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Amid the greatest one-year membership increase in AORN history, AORN expanded value to include:

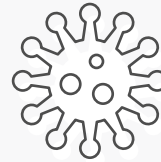


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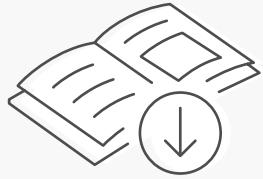
COVID-19 PERIOPERATIVE PLAYBOOK



IMPROVED EFFICIENCY

and accessibility to attaining CNE through AORN *Journal* accredited articles

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455,410
article downloads in 2022



82,235
CNE articles accessed by
8,218
unique users



57,302
Journal podcasts listened to



AORN Journal

Peer-reviewed, award-winning, and evidence-based, *AORN Journal* provides members with more than 200 complimentary contact hours in articles featuring clinical best practices.

Initiatives and Advocacy

Surgical Smoke Safety – AORN’s Government Affairs department collaborates with state nursing associations and perioperative registered nurses to advocate for states to enact smoke evacuation facility policies. In 2022, Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, New York, and Washington joined the list of states that have enacted smoke evacuation laws.

Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety: Prevention of Retained Surgical Items – This evidence-based education program raises awareness of factors that lead to RSIs by using scenario-based immersive technology to improve skills, and helps teams mitigate risks and improve outcomes. Introduced in 2022, 12 facilities have already achieved recognition for their commitment to surgical safety in the prevention of RSIs and more than 1500 facilities have begun the application process.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – AORN continued to deliver on our commitment to improve awareness of issues related to DEI with a focus on our hiring practices, board leadership, and among the national workforce of perioperative nurses.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLISHED

- the Position Statement on Health Care Inequity and Racial Justice and the white paper, Health Disparities Experienced by Surgical Patients of Color: What is Known and Key Actions to Take

Membership diversity grew to
29.6%
of members and 24% of the national election ballot are nurses of color

PRODUCED

- two webinars: Getting to Know Your LGBTQ+ Patient and Why Did You Become a Perioperative Nurse (interviews with nurses of color)

Partnered with

**AANA
AND ASPAN**

to issue a Position Statement on Workplace Civility



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