**Please take a few minutes to easily personalize a letter to your local newspaper editor about Perioperative Nurses Week. When your letter runs in the newspaper or online, be sure to let** [**Jennifer Pennock**](mailto:jpennock@aorn.org) **know about the placement.**

Perioperative Nurses Celebrated for Dedication to Safe Patient Care

If you or someone you love has had a surgical procedure, a perioperative registered nurse was responsible for you or your loved one’s well-being throughout the operation. Perioperative registered nurses provide specialized nursing care to surgical patients before, during, and after surgery in every hospital and ambulatory surgery setting in the United States and around the world.

November 12-18, 2023, is Perioperative Nurses Week, an annual celebration of perioperative nurses and their commitment to safe patient care. The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is the national association representing the interests of over 160,000 perioperative registered nurses in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers. AORN’s 43,000 registered nurse members manage, teach and practice perioperative nursing.

We, as perioperative nurses want our community to know we are working hard to protect you – our patients – when you are most vulnerable. Please join us in celebrating perioperative nurses and our dedication to safe patient care during 2023 Perioperative Nurses Week.