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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Versant Holdings and AORN Partner to Help New OR Nurses Practice Safely** *Periop 101: A Core Curriculum™ Now the Standard Offering Within the Versant RN Residency®*

Ithaca, New York and Denver, Colo. November 21, 2011 – Versant Holdings, LLC and the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) have signed a contract to use AORN's Periop 101: A Core Curriculum as the standard perioperative curriculum offering within the Versant New Graduate RN Residency.

“Periop 101 is the gold standard for training new perioperative nurses,” said Charlie Krozek, MN, RN, FAAN and Mike Carman, JD, MBA, co-founders and managing partners at Versant Holdings, in a joint statement. “We are pleased to offer this quality training to our entire client base, as it helps us further our mission of fundamentally improving the quality of patient care.”

Added Linda Groah, RN, MSN, CNOR, CNA, FAAN, CEO/executive director of AORN:

“Standardization and safety go hand in hand. Through its network of residency programs, Versant Holdings is helping us teach as many new OR nurses as possible how to implement safe, recommended perioperative nursing practices.”

The Versant RN Residency as recently showcased as a national model for new graduate transition-to-practice in the Institute of Medicine's Report *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.

Versant Holdings is dedicated to systems-oriented on boarding of the new graduate RN to practice. Integrating AORN's curriculum into the residency drives a model for national standardization designed to develop safe and competent new graduate perioperative nurses.

Periop 101: A Core Curriculum is used by educators to train new perioperative nurses and consists of 26 online learning modules, delivered through AORN's e-learning platform. Each learning module includes required reading and suggested videos from AORN's Perioperative Nursing Video Library.

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#### **About AORN**

AORN represents the interests of more than 160,000 perioperative nurses by providing nursing education, standards, and practice resources—including the peer-reviewed, monthly publication *AORN Journal*—to enable optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. AORN's 40,000 registered nurse members manage, teach, and practice perioperative nursing, are enrolled in nursing education or are engaged in perioperative research. [www.aorn.org](http://www.aorn.org)

#### **About Versant Holdings**

Versant Holdings, LLC, the national leader in new graduate transition-to-practice residencies, provides multi-specialty, systemic and evidence-based on-boarding experiences for new graduate nurses at more than 85 hospitals in 10 states. <http://www.versant.org>