

Financial Management Added to Nurse Leaders' Scope of Practice

AORN's Center for Nursing Leadership Fills Knowledge Void

(Denver, Colo.) June 16, 2015 -- The Center for Nursing Leadership, a division of AORN, today announced the schedule for the fall education program to support emerging nurse leaders who are tackling the financial management role in their hospitals. The Emerging Leaders Financial Management Series is presented in six cities in 2015 across the U.S. to teach the key concepts that are necessary to effectively manage the financial performance of perioperative services.

This full-day program covers financial management structures with a focus on staffing productivity, planning and budgeting for capital equipment expenses and investment return, and budget forecasting. Pamela Hunt, MSN, RN, VP, Patient Services/Chief Nursing Executive, Indiana Heart & Vascular Hospital, Indianapolis, is the series' speaker. Hunt, known for her ability to make health care finance and quality understandable, is the author of the finance section in the book, *The Nurse Manager and Business Plan Development with Cost-Benefit Analysis* and co-author of *The Nurse Leader's Guide to Business Skills*.

"Pam did an excellent job, she made a difficult topic easy and fun," said Joanne Lutz, RN, BSN, clinical director, Palm Beach Surgery Center, Palm Beach, Florida, speaking of the spring series with Hunt. Jane Sharrocks, RN, MSN, Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, also attended a session in the spring and said, "This workshop was terrific, packed with so much information that I can take back and 'plug in' to my unit. Pam Hunt was a wonderful speaker and expert. I am so glad I came. Thank you."

With support from the AORN Foundation, Medtronic, and Owens & Minor, the Emerging Leaders Financial Management series' remaining three programs will be presented on September 19 in Raleigh, North Carolina, on October 3 in Providence, Rhode Island and on October 17 in Orlando, Florida.

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