

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

EVENTS

A Team Approach to Preventing Surgical Site Infections

Health care—associated infections, and specifically surgical site infections (SSIs), remain a significant but often preventable threat to patient safety. Surgical site infections result from a complex interaction of multiple factors in the perioperative practice setting. The clinical consequences of SSIs, as well as the associated economic implications in today's dynamic health care environment, can be severe, so it is imperative that perioperative nurse leaders have a better understanding of these constantly evolving factors so they may develop and implement strategies that effectively achieve and maintain reductions in SSI rates and thus promote safer patient care.

Attend a Nurse Executive Leadership seminar and learn from leading infection prevention experts on how to reduce SSIs at your facility. For more information and registration, visit <https://www.aorn.org/cnlseries>.

ASC Administrator Skills Course, September 26-29, 2017, Denver, CO

Developed exclusively for ambulatory surgical center (ASC) professionals, this unique, blended program kicks off with a three-and-a-half-day, face-to-face seminar held at AORN Headquarters in Denver, Colorado. It provides the foundation for the nine online learning modules that follow, which participants will be given four months to complete. Topics include ASC quality-reporting requirements, budget planning, regulatory compliance, preparing for an accreditation survey, and physician credentialing, just to name a few. Many attendees have used this course to help prepare for the Certified Administrator Surgery Center (CASC) exam. (The Board of Ambulatory Surgery Certification neither sponsors nor endorses this program.) The ASC Administrator Skills Course offers 35.9 contact hours. Learn more and register at <http://www.aorn.org/events/administrator-skills-course>.

AORN is the premier provider of continuing education for perioperative nurses. To ensure that you are registering for an AORN event, look for the AORN name and logo. If you are not sure whether an event is sponsored by AORN, call AORN Experience Services at (800) 755-2676.

PREP FOR CNOR

AORN's *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* is the primary reference for the CNOR exam. Our online prep course uses the latest guidelines and is the only course that includes access to the guidelines. Our fact- and scenario-based questions test your ability to think critically, and they provide an extensive review of perioperative practice. Pass the exam or your money back, guaranteed. Alleviate your test anxiety and purchase Prep for CNOR today by visiting <https://www.aorn.org/PrepForCNOR>.

CERTIFICATE IN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

This online learning module is designed to educate RNs and other interested health care professionals about the basics of evidence-based practice. This activity includes a pretest, a module, and a posttest. This step-by-step learning format is designed to assist RNs in implementing evidence-based practices to promote patient safety and optimal outcomes for all patients. All RNs would benefit from this fundamentals course, which provides 1.8 contact hours. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/ebpfundamentals>.

NURSING PROGRAMS

Fundamentals of Perioperative Practice: Program for Nursing Curricula

AORN advocates for the inclusion of learning activities in the perioperative setting in all undergraduate professional nursing curricula. This online 10-module fundamentals course has been designed specifically for inclusion in generic nursing programs and includes undergraduate Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies. AORN believes that the perioperative setting is a prime area where the nursing process can be applied. These learning activities can be integrated into existing curricula of nursing programs and contribute to desired end-of-program outcomes. The perioperative setting is an area in which there is a tremendous emphasis on patient safety, so it presents numerous opportunities to explore human factors and communication theories.

Using 10 modules from AORN's Periop 101: A Core Curriculum, the fundamentals course provides a well-defined foundation of perioperative nursing concepts and gives students basic information about aseptic technique and teamwork that may be translated into many clinical experiences. For additional information or to purchase, please contact Terry

Avitable, MSN, RN, CNOR, at (800) 755-2676 x 211 or by e-mail at tavitable@aorn.org, or visit <https://www.aorn.org/p101/fundamentals>, where you can also download the AORN white paper *Perioperative Nursing Succession Planning*.

PERIOP 101: A CORE CURRICULUM

Periop 101: A Core Curriculum is a comprehensive blended educational program developed by AORN's expert perioperative nurse-authors based on the latest evidence-based *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*. This program combines a standardized, evidence-based online curriculum and textbook readings with hands-on skills labs and a clinical practicum led by experienced perioperative nurses.

AORN recommends Periop 101 for novice perioperative nurses, including new graduates, nurses transitioning into the perioperative suite from other nursing specialties, and other health care team members. There are three different learning plans to choose from: OR Nurse, Obstetrics (OB) RN Circulator, and ASC Nurse.

For pricing information and a demonstration of the course, visit <https://www.aorn.org/p101>. Learn more at <https://www.aorn.org/PeriopModules>. Targeted programs include the following:

- Periop 101: A Core Curriculum for ASCs. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/ASCperiop101>.
- Periop 101: A Core Curriculum for OB RN Circulators. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/p101/obrn>.
- Periop 101: A Core Curriculum for PAs/Residents/Medical Students. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/p101/corecurriculum>.

Preceptor Certificate Program

AORN's Preceptor Certificate Program will improve your preceptor education, which in turn will give your nurses the skills they need. Success in the OR is the major responsibility of a preceptor. It is important to remember, however, that not even a nurse who is clinically skilled is automatically a good preceptor; it is a learned skill, like any other. AORN's expert perioperative nurse-authors have developed a three-module certificate program to assist preceptors in preparing for their role in acclimating novice perioperative nurses to this unique environment. Program components include adult learning theories, novice-to-expert considerations, problem solving, validating competency, dealing with the health care reality shock, and the challenges of working with new grads. To learn more about this program, visit <https://www.aorn.org/aorn-org/education/facility-solutions/periop-101/periop-101-preceptors>.

PERIOP MASTERY PROGRAM

When your experienced nurses retain and practice misinformation, these knowledge gaps may result in negative patient care. Reduce patient risk by identifying and eliminating confidently held misinformation through our innovative learning program. Standardize education for your experienced nurses with learning modules covering aseptic technique, sterilization and disinfection, patient and worker safety, and patient care. For more information or to request a demo, please visit <https://www.aorn.org/periopmasteryprogram>.

ONBOARDING/ORIENTATION TOOLS

A successful onboarding/orientation process promotes patient safety, meets organizational goals, and provides the experienced perioperative RN with an employment environment that is professionally and personally desirable. Orientation providers, including educators, hiring managers, and staffing agencies, can administer these assessments, provide targeted education using the implementation tools to address identified gaps in the new hire RN's knowledge of perioperative guidelines, and verify perioperative nursing competencies for newly hired experienced perioperative RNs. These tools are available for individual purchase or as a facility subscription. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/onboardingtools>.

Medication Safety Assessment (Adult)

Knowledge of perioperative medications and safety practices is critical for positive patient outcomes. This online independent study assessment activity will help experienced perioperative RNs identify knowledge gaps related to medications in the perioperative setting. Each participant will receive 2.0 contact hours after successful completion. This module is available for individual purchase or as a facility subscription. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/onboardingtools>.

Safe Administration of Moderate Sedation

This course provides the level of education and training necessary to safely administer and monitor the patient receiving moderate sedation in an environment in which an anesthesia provider may not be available or required. The learner will have four months to complete all seven modules, which are worth a total of 5.2 contact hours. The modules cover scope of practice and the role of the sedation nurse, patient selection and preprocedure guidelines, physiological monitoring and airway management, medication administration and rescue, care of the pediatric patient, care of the older adult, and postprocedure care and discharge. For more

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