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New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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Presidents Message

It's that time of the year when the weather is warm, the spirits are high, and the clogs get swapped out for sandals. Yes, festivals and vacations are starting! As all of the fun is just beginning, the business portion of our Chapter year is also ending.

We'll wind the year down with more "social" activities for members to mix and mingle. Starting with a family event in May:

May 23rd – Our *Adventure Quest* "Fundraiser." This is an event open to all ages, and Laser tag levels. The time frame open to our Chapter is 4-9pm, and it will be \$20pp. Great news, if we have over 30 people, a percentage goes back to the Chapter! Come out with the kids, and hang out the grown-ups!
Adventure Quest
1200 S. Clearview Parkway
(in Elmwood Shopping Center behind the Fox & Hound restaurant)
www.lasertagnola.com

Our June 25th **Installation Dinner** will be at **Messina's** located at **2717 Williams Blvd in Kenner**. The dinner will be \$28 inclusive with cash bar.

Dinner includes:

- Soup of day
- Salad

- Choice of Entrée
 - Veal Parmigiana
 - Chicken Piccata
 - Grilled Fish
- Bread Pudding
- Coffee/tea

Please R.S.V.P., with your choice of Entrée, to guidrymelissa@yahoo.com !

Don't forget to keep checking us out on our Website:
<http://www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com/>

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/AO-RN-of-New-Orleans-Chapter-1902/>

And sign up for e-mail from us on ORNurseLink:
<http://www.ornurselink.org/>

Warm Summer Wishes,

Ramie





Stay connected; bridge the gap with a colleague.

Trivia Corner from The

PERIOP INSIDER weekly newsletter



Where should the chemical indicators be placed in instrument sets for sterilization?

Chemical indicators (CI) should be placed in an area within the package that presents a challenge for air removal and sterilant contact. When there is a question concerning the appropriate number and placement of internal CIs, the CI manufacturer, the device manufacturer, and the containment device manufacturer should be consulted for additional information.

The number and placement of internal CIs may be affected by the contents of the package, the configuration of the items within the set, and the packaging or containment device.

Which patient skin antiseptic products are flammable? How can I minimize the fire risk when using these products?

Alcohol-based skin antiseptic agents may be flammable or combustible. The product material safety sheet should be reviewed to determine if a specific product is a potential fire fuel source. Because the potential for a fire exists in the presence of the triad of oxygen, ignition sources (eg, electrosurgical units, lasers, light cords); and fuel (i.e., alcohol based skin antiseptic), it is critical that perioperative personnel receive education on the flammability of certain antiseptic products.

In addition, the following interventions relating to the use of prep antiseptic products can minimize the fire risk in the OR:

- Allow sufficient drying time, including time for the vapors to dissipate, before applying surgical drapes, using an active electrode or laser, or activating a fiber-optic light cable.
- Use the smallest amount possible for a single application.
- Do not allow the product to pool on or under body parts.
- Remove wet materials.
- Include the fire risk assessment in the “time-out” period.

What is the temperature range for solution warming cabinets? How long can fluids remain in the warmer?

Answer:

The temperature range of solution warming cabinets should be in accordance with the solution manufacturer’s specifications. Contact the solution manufacturer for maximum temperature and length of time that the fluids may remain in the warming cabinet. The stability of the fluids will vary by the type of solution and the storage container.

Post the temperature and length parameters on the cabinet for ready reference. Label and date the fluids with either the date into the warmer or the date the fluids should be removed. Be consistent within your facility. The temperature of the warming cabinet should be checked on regular intervals and documented on a log or electronically.

Current Membership

Please remember to renew!

Total Members - 167
Members - 103
Lifetime – 5
2/3yr - 23
Retired – 6
Associate – 5
Student Members - 24
APSNA – 1

When you renew, please check your membership card to see that it states "Chapter 1902. If your name is then not on our Roster and our Chapter does not receive the chapter dues you pay

Invite all Perioperative nurses to our meetings!

AORN Resources



<http://http://www.facebook.com/AORN>



www.ornurselink.org/Pages/home.aspx

3M has upcoming webinars at which you can obtain free CEU's.
<https://promo.3m.com/rc/3MMEDICAL/ipeducationwebinarcalendar>



<https://twitter.com/AORNofNewOrlean>

(You are seeing it correctly; there is no "s")

Chapter Webpage:

www.aornofneworleanschapter1902.com

Membership due to Lapse

Membership expires on the last day of your renewal month. Here is a reminder that your membership expiration is in the near future:

May

Laurie Bonnaffons

Brett Connolly

Stephanie Danielson

Emily Fletcher

Sharon Guardina

Trudy McLaurin

Amanda Reeves

June

Melissa Adams

Catherine Eustis

Mary Ann Laforge

Sally Pirfo

Rene Rosenson

Tona Savoie

Kevin Schabel-Bayhi

Membership News

**WE WOULD LOVE TO ADD
 AN UPDATE FROM YOUR
 FACILITY AND HAVE A
 WHOLE PAGE OF INFO!**

Ochsner Jefferson Highway:

Congrats to Mandy Martin-Sanchez on the birth of her 5th grandson, Mason Drew Sanchez. Grandchild #6 is due to arrive in November and grandchild #7 in December! Also, Mandy presented a poster at AORN in Chicago on, "Extending the Life of Flexible Endoscopes."

Meeting Minutes - from the secretary:

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM by Ramie Miller, President.

Announcements:

- Thanks to Ann and Delgado School of Nursing for hosting the meeting.
- Congratulations to Nathalie Walker on her election as AORN Secretary!

Business Items:

- Officer Reports:
 - Secretary Report: (Mandy) The minutes from the March meeting were approved as published in the newsletter and online.
 - Treasurer report: (Ramie for Sharon) The current balance in the treasury is \$3360.80.
 - Membership: (Brenda) The current membership is 165 this month. Please make sure that your colleagues are renewing with Chapter 1902 (rather than as an At-Large member).
 - Student Membership: (Ann) Ann met with another student group and will go back to Children’s this summer.
 - Legislative: (Nathalie) Ramie and Nathalie went to the House committee meeting last Wednesday.
 - House Bill 1052 – to develop a commission to investigate domestic violence in Louisiana;
 - House Bill 396 – Supply and Demand Council Housekeeping bill passed without issue to remove inactive groups and correct AORN of Louisiana Chapters name.
 - House Bill 1215 – Passed in Health and Welfare Committee and is scheduled for full House debate April 24, 2014– this bill is to keep the status quo with NPs under the nursing board rather than placing them under the Medical Board.
 - Future of Nursing for Action Campaign – Nathalie attended this program and will report on it in the Legislative update.
 - Newsletter: (Mary Anne) Needs items for the newsletter as early as possible so that the newsletter can be published in a timely manner. We would like to get the newsletter out the first week of each month. Please have one person take the lead and be the advocate for the chapter. We

Congratulations
 to
River Parishes Hospital!!!
 They were named as a
CNOR Strong facility!
 With 63% of their OR nurses CNOR certified!



Is your facility CNOR Strong?

There are a couple criteria your facility must meet in order to become *CNOR Strong*:

1. Have at least 50% of its eligible OR nursing staff CNOR certified.
2. Provide means to recognize and reward nurses who become certified or recertified.

Check out this web site:

<http://www.cc-institute.org/cnor/cnor-strong>

- are trying to get the info out to the members in a variety of ways.
- Nominating Committee: (Mary) The ballot for officers is as follows:
 - President (1 to be elected): Amanda (Mandy) Martin-Sanchez
 - Vice President (1 to be elected): Linda Levesque
 - Secretary (1 to be elected): Mary Anne Toledano
 - Board Members (2 to be elected): Nathalie Walker, Catherine (Beth) Eustis
 - Nominating Committee (2 to be elected): – Jennifer Gray, Michelle Blanke

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Meeting Minutes - Continued

Ramie asked for nominations from the floor. With no nominations from the floor, she made a motion to accept the ballot as published in the newsletter. All members present at the meeting voted to accept the ballot as published. The motion passed.

- **Ombudsman:** (Ursula) Chapter 1902 history . . . In the beginning . . . Some 64 years ago, New Orleans was fortunate to have Marion Fox begin working at the VA Hospital. She had previously worked in New York and Houston. Operating Room supervisors had the vision of meeting to work with colleagues to share ideas, solve problems, and to blaze the future of what became AORN.

Marion and other operating room supervisors of New Orleans met and began what became Chapter 1902, AORN of New Orleans. What started as an organization of OR supervisors has evolved into the Association of periOperative Nurses that we know today, involving everyone who is interested and focused on the future of perioperative nursing.

You have the responsibility to carry on the legacy of these insightful nurses and to continue to implement the changes as perioperative nursing and AORN of New Orleans continue to evolve.

New Business:

- **May's Meeting:** The next meeting will be on May 28th. This will be a *Family Night at Adventure Quest* in Elmwood Shopping Center (Clearview Parkway). The cost will be \$20/person. If more than 30 people we will get a percentage back for the chapter. Get your friends and family ready to attend this adventure!!!
- **Installation** – Wednesday, June 25th, at Messina's on William's Blvd in Kenner (near Veterans). The social will begin at 5:30PM followed by dinner. The cost will be \$28/person (includes tax and tip). There will be a choice of veal, chicken or fish for the entrée. A cash bar will also be available (\$5/drink). Please RSVP by text or email to Melissa with your choice of entree.

Educational Presentation:

“Accurate Estimation of Blood Loss in the Perioperative Setting”

Kristy Simmons, MSN, RN, CNOR, Woman's Hospital (Baton Rouge, LA)

How accurate is our calculation of blood loss?
Are our calculations accurate?
When do we give blood?

These were a few of the questions that Kristy asked that led to the initiation of his research project. A pre-test was given to find the current knowledge and level of accuracy with estimated blood loss . . . and the estimates were all over the place and with little accuracy!

The most accurate method to determine blood loss is to weigh the sponges. This is impractical in many cases. Kristy wanted to find an easier way to estimate blood loss but to also be more accurate.

Kristy set up four stations with moist and dry sponges/products to test our knowledge! Here are the results of how much a moist and dry sponge/product can absorb:

- Moist Lap = 70ml
- Dry Lap = 100ml
- Moist Sponge = 7ml
- Dry Sponge = 10ml
- Partially Saturated Peri-Pad = 50ml
- Saturated Peri-Pad = 100 ml
- Half-Saturated Blue Pad = 200ml
- Fully Saturated Blue Pad = 400ml

Kristy's findings:

Experience in the OR didn't have an effect on accuracy of blood loss estimation.

Blood loss estimation accuracy improved greatly after education of staff.

To maintain the improved accuracy, other interventions included:

- Developing clinical guidelines and policies/procedures on accurately estimating blood loss would help in determining when to replace lost blood volume.
- Creating a visual reference (posters/scales) to measure blood loss.

Chapter 1902 Calendar

**Meetings at 4:30 PM
unless otherwise noted**

May 28, 2014

Chapter Meeting at Adventure Quest. This is an event open to all ages, and Laser tag levels. The time frame open to our Chapter is 4-9pm, and will be \$20 pp. Come out with us!

June 25, 2014

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Grilled Fish
Bread Pudding
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Meeting Minutes - Continued

- Creating a card with the dry weight of surgical items to be used as a reference.
- Periodically (annually) evaluating the blood capacity of common products used to absorb blood to determine if references or procedures need to be revised.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Legislative Update from Nathalie Walker, MBA, RN, CNOR

Please refer to the meeting minutes for the legislative update.

Nathalie Walker MBA, RN, CNOR
AORN of New Orleans Chapter 1902 V-P
Legislative Committee Chair



National Nurses Week is celebrated every year beginning May 6th and ending May 12th on Florence Nightingale's birthday.

Pictures from our friends at River Parishes Hospital:



American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 1 mile Fun Run and 5 k Event

Pictured are from Left to Right:

Front Row-

- Kelly Bou, RN- OPS, PACU, Central Sterile Processing
- Tina Abadie, CST- OR
- Judy Bauer, RN BSN CNOR- Surgical Services Director
- Theresa Gommel, RN- Pre Admit, PACU

Back Row-

- Tiffanie Bourgeois, RN BSN CNOR- OR Charge Nurse
- Michelle Zaidain, RN BSN CNOR- OR, PACU, Perioperative Educator
- Lori Noel, RN BSN CNOR- OR, PACU, Pre Admit, Quality Management
- Tammy Waltz- River Parishes Hospital Community Relations Coordinator

New Orleans Nursing Certification Celebration

Pictured are from Left to Right: →

- Lori Noel, RN BSN CNOR
- Tiffanie Bourgeois, RN BSN CNOR
- Beth Freitas, RN CNOR
- Michelle Zaidain, RN BSN CNOR



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- Michelle Zaidain, RN BSN CNOR
- Tiffanie Bourgeois, RN BSN CNOR
- Lori Noel, RN BSN CNOR
- Beth Freitas, RN CNOR

