



PeriOperative Potpourri

New Orleans ~ Chapter 1902

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President's Message

Hello Members,

These are some exciting times. It's football season again, the cool weather is on the way and AORN is on the move. We are all feeling the effects of COVID-19 and are ready for it to be over. Elective surgeries are being cancelled, again, and hospitals are filling up, again. But when we get back to normal, will we have the staff needed to run our surgery departments? There continues to be a nation-wide shortage of OR nurses. Finding an experienced OR nurse is like finding a unicorn.

Our amazing AORN nursing organization is being proactive in this staffing battle. They have joined in collaboration with Chamberlain University, Emory Health Care, Loyola Medicine and Ochsner Health to expose nursing students to the wonderful world of surgery. This initiative will provide a pipeline to OR nurses and hopefully solve our staffing issues. A new generation of OR nurses will be coming that we can train and develop to lead in the future. How exciting! We will be discussing ways to mentor these nursing students and involve them in chapter events.

For patient and OR staff safety, AORN is petitioning OSHA to require smoke evacuation in all

ORs. This petition will be delivered to OSHA in November during Perioperative Nurses' week. To sign the petition, please click this link: [AORN Petitions](#). And you can see the next page for more information.

And once again, Louisiana is hit with a major hurricane. If the previous paragraphs sounded positive, that because I wrote the president's message ahead of time. 😞 I should know better. If we still have a September meeting, it will be virtual. The September 22nd virtual meeting will be about Diversity, Equality and Inclusion and will be presented by Darlene Murdock and Nakesiha Archer via Zoom for one CE. Please see the information in this newsletter for details. And look for an email from me about the meeting. Hopefully by the 22nd things will be sort of back to normal.

I hope all of you are safe. We are OR nurses, and we can survive anything, including a hurricane. We will get through this.

Stay strong,

Mary Anne



Chapter 1902 Event Calendar 2021-2022

ACTION CENTER

Petition OSHA to Make Your Workplace Safe and Require Surgical Smoke Evacuation

Sept. 22nd- ZOOM Meeting, AORN's DEI Plan: Advocating for Change Together for 1 CE.

October 27th- Dinner Meeting sponsored by

Nov. 17th- Social at Martin's Wine Cellar

December 15th-Community Outreach, TBA

January 8th-Annual Winter Seminar at EJGH

February 16th-tentatively at Ochsner Kenner

March 19-26- Expo in New Orleans

April 27th – tentatively at Ochsner Jeff Hwy

May 25th – @ Baptist or Crescent City Surgical

DENVER, August 11, 2021 – As the leading advocate for the safety of perioperative nurses and surgery patients, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) has launched a national petition urging the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue regulations requiring worker and patient protections from harmful surgical smoke.

Like cigarette smoke, surgical smoke can be seen and smelled. It is produced during most surgical procedures when lasers and electrocautery devices are used to dissect tissue and stop bleeding. Numerous studies confirm the smoke contains hazardous chemicals toxins, bacteria and live viruses, and in some cases, carcinogens and agents that cause genetic mutations.

The healthcare consequences for surgical team members– who work long hours in the OR during consecutive procedures – are well documented: from headaches and dizziness to serious respiratory illness, asthma, and allergic reactions. Perioperative nurses report twice as many respiratory problems compared to the general population. More recent studies have also associated cancer and reproductive hazards to surgical smoke.

In 1988, OSHA, which has authority to enforce workplace safety, issued an alert about the health hazards from surgical smoke, but no regulations. The Joint Commission's [Quick Safety Issue](#), describes research findings on the potential harm from surgical smoke. In 2018, Rhode Island became the first state to enact such legislation, followed by Colorado, Kentucky, and Oregon. Illinois may follow suit soon and other states are moving down the long path toward legislative action.

“Surgical smoke is one of the most serious health risks faced by members of the surgical team on a daily basis. We hope with this petition drive, and our advocacy efforts in states across the country, we can demonstrate our commitment to achieving a safe surgical environment in all hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers,” says AORN CEO/Executive Director Linda Groah MSN RN CNOR NEA-BC FAAN.

AORN encourages all health care professionals – and their family members and friends throughout the nation who care about their health – to sign the petition. It is accessible from this link:

<https://www.voteroice.net/AORN/Petitions/2422/Respond>

AORN will deliver the petition to OSHA in November in honor of Perioperative Nurses Week, Nov. 14-20, 2021.

**Per member request,
meetings start
at 5 PM,
unless otherwise noted.**

**Scan QR Code
for Chapter Web Site**



Membership Information

Standard – 155

Lifetime – 24

2/3yr – 28

Retired – 8

Leader-8

Associate – 4

Student Members – 1

Total Members – 237

Be sure your chapter membership status on “My AORN” states “Chapter 1902”.

Please bring an OR nurse with you to the chapter meetings. We ❤️ our new members!

Member 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/ipdeducationwebinarcalendar>



<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:

August

Amy Deli
Terri Kinler
Robin Malach
Aejay Pecquet

September

Chantel Allen
Kathleen Blanchard
Candi Blandin
Kay Bourg
Roxane Elliott
Michelle Haydel
Angela Howell
Katherine Jones
Ashley Kelley
Haley LeBlanc
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October

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Jamie Cambre
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Nicole Cook
Garret De Ramos
Aimee Falgout
Rosa Flores-Castellon
Ramsey Hare
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Stephanie Heaphy
Michelle Heisser
Adrienne Holdridge
Nancy Ledet
Caroline McInnis
Marilyn Porea-Sutton
Christy Simeon
Kensey Thibodaux
Christine Waller
Jasmine Warren

Trea\$urer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$10,077.83

Deposits: \$ 0

Expenses: \$ 2,910.00 (AORN Expo Registrations)

Ending balance: \$ 7,167.83

Respectfully submitted,

**Bobbi Carew, BSN, RN
Treasurer
AORN Chapter 1902**



Special thanks to Melissa Guidry, our outgoing treasurer.

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Meeting Minutes – from the secretary

August 25, 2021

Empowering Nurses in Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS)

Speaker-Scot Poucher RN, BSN

30% of Americans live with some sort of Pain
Pain = ORAE (Operating Room Adverse Effect)
Higher costs, with a mean of \$8200 per visit
Longer stays of 1.6 days

There was a 21-year research with multiple Surgeons, multiple disciplines and still today 71%-86% of patients still have pain. Inadequate pain management can lead to unintended consequences. Types of Acute pain are Visceral, Somatic Pain. This is where the Multi-modal therapy comes into play. This therapy is more than 2 combinations of analgesics which reduce pain. Multi-modal strategies support an opioid reducing approach to pain management. The ASA guidelines state that anesthesia should use the multimodal approach.

Local and Duration of Action

Bupivacaine up to 7 hours, Ropivacaine 5-8 hours, Lidocaine 1-2 hours, Liposomal Bupivacaine up to 72 hrs

Liposomal bupivacaine uses Depo Foam Technology which encapsulates drug and releases it over time

Assess pain by validated pain scales and appropriate questions
Educate patients on what to expect with pain starting at 1st office visit. Be aware of patients health literacy. Determine the level of understanding and individually tailor their education. Identify patients at higher risk of pain. And Teamwork is Key to success. Identify a Champion in your facility to help get the ERAS protocol in motion. The ERAS protocol targets any element of the perioperative phase that delays Recovery.

Business Meeting 1830

Treasure Report: Start with \$7537, End with \$7073
(Waiting on AORN for refund of payments to Congress) We would like to start advertising in the newsletter for Job openings at Each Facility.

As of Today you can start booking your Hotel In New Orleans for the 2022 Conference. It is scheduled for March 19-23.

Ramie Miller is the Volunteer Coordinator.

2023 Conference in San Antonio

2024 Conference in Nashville

January 8 or 15th will be the Winter Seminar. More to come.

We are looking for a volunteer to review Guidelines. Retained Surgical item is open for feedback at AORN.ORG thru September 5 for anyone to review. Also Sharon has volunteered to review Surgical Attire and what CMS requires vs Hospital requirements for our September Meeting. Bring your Policies for you facility if can for open discussion.

AORN approached Chamberlain Nursing School as a collaborative. Emery, Loyola and Oschner are going to partner with them. AORN will provide one class for the school. We as a chapter would like to mentor the nursing students so start

statagizing. This starts in January.

Ramie Miller is the Webmaster and would like to give it up if anyone wants to volunteer. We need someone to make it user friendly. Younger nurses relate to websites rather than Newsletters. Our Newsletters will not go away, they are uploaded in Nurse Link Monthly.

We are looking for volunteers to go as a group of around 10 to volunteer at 2nd Harvest Food bank. Please Contact Roxanne Mcnally or Elaine Stock for details. Also NOMM (New ORleans medical Mission) is also looking for volunteers in the warehouse located in Harahan. This Christmas we are going to adopt a nursing home. Depending on Covid we would like to get the residents gifts and deliver them personally. Covid may make us just drop the gifts off instead. More to come.

Periop Nurses week this year is November 14-20. We are hoping to get a Proclamation from the Governor and Mayor. They actually speak at the House related to this Proclamation.

The Conference that just passed in August had 9 Delegates present. Although this was a Virtual conference there was plenty of info. If want to get the information and CE's associated the cost is \$99.

September meeting is on the 22nd Hopefully at Childrens Hospital. Trying to get a room. We have a CE to give. More to come.

There was an Introduction of New Members. Johana Lagos, Shauna Leger and Sandra Wieman were warmly welcomed.

Legislative Update-Nathalie will put it in the Newsletter www.aorn.org sign the AORN OSHA Surgical Smoke Petition. OSHA has more power to get all states on board with this push. November will be our Social meeting. More to come on this.

Lastly the Ballot is out for 2022 Candidates. Do you homework and get to know who is running and vote.

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Adjourned at 1900