AORN represents

the interests of 160,000 perioperative registered nurses including 40,000 members. AORN supports registered nurses in achieving optimal outcomes for surgical patients.

AORN Supports the IOM Future of Nursing Recommendations

1. **Remove scope-of-practice barriers**
   - Resources allocated for RNFAs and APRNs
   - Job analysis to explore certification for APRNs
   - Participation in consensus model for APRN regulation
2. **Expand opportunities for nurses to lead and diffuse collaborative improvement efforts**
   - AORN's SYNTEGRITY Standardized Peioperative Framework; SYNTEGRITY can be mapped into a software vendor's EHR system to give facilities a standardized language with which to record perioperative care
   - Multiple alliances and participation in state and national patient safety organizations: CMS Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP), ASCQC, WHO Surgical Safety Checklist, CSPS, NAQC, NIOSH, OSHA, IOM's Best Practices Innovation Collaborative, NQF, etc.
3. **Implement Nurse Residency Programs**
   - AORN's Periop 101 is a used by educators to train new perioperative nurses
4. **AORN Board supports increasing the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020**
   - AORN Foundation awarded $129,500 in scholarships to students and nurses in 2010
5. **AORN Board supports doubling the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020**
   - AORN Foundation scholarships are available to nurses pursuing a doctorate
6. **Ensure nurses engage in lifelong learning**
   - AORN developed competency statements reflecting the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to fulfill the professional role functions of a perioperative RN
   - AORN's library has over 5,500 books, 400 audiovisuals and 450 journals
   - AORN's Foundation funded $50,000 in educational grants in 2010
7. **Prepare and enable nurses to lead change to advance health**
   - AORN fosters leadership growth and development through the 350 chapters, 32 state councils, 23 specialty assemblies and over 300 members that volunteer annually for AORN committees and task forces
   - AORN has an Ambulatory Surgery Center Administrator Certificate Program
   - Annual conference for managers, supervisors and directors of perioperative services
8. **Build an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of interprofessional health care workforce data**
   - Annual compensation survey for perioperative nurses with attention to perioperative nursing shortage

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