

# AORN Standardized Perioperative Record (SPR)

## Fact Sheet

- AORN announced on April 7, 2008 an initiative to develop an electronic standardized perioperative record referred to as the Standardized Perioperative Record (SPR).
- The SPR is an electronic record set that represents a minimum data set for perioperative documentation and includes all of the data elements captured in the perioperative record.
  - The Perioperative Nursing Data Set (PNDS), AORN's standardized nursing vocabulary, is a foundational component of the SPR.
  - The SPR data elements will be cross-walked to AORN Standards and Recommended Practices, other clinical, regulatory and accreditation standards, NSQIP, SCIP, CMS Pay for Performance, and reporting requirements
  - The SPR and the electronic Recommended Practices will share a centralized PNDS database
- The SPR is not intended to replace current perioperative information and documentation systems, but will be designed to be incorporated into existing software.
- The SPR is part of a total system that includes an electronic data extraction process and a centralized national data repository system (DRS). The total system is referred to by the acronym SPRDRS.
- The SPRDRS creates a model for evidence based practice.
- Other features of SPRDRS include:
  - a report writing and benchmarking feature
  - credentialing mechanism to guide compliance
- The project will be developed using an agile iterative process, with the SPR development to be completed first and then provided to information systems vendors to incorporate into their systems.
- AORN will keep vendors and members apprised of the progress on the project, including anticipated testing and delivery schedules, as more information becomes available.