AORN AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER SOLUTIONS
A GUIDE FOR ASC LEADERS
AORN SOLUTIONS USED IN ASCs NATIONWIDE
Today’s ever-changing perioperative environment continues to be more complex. Every day you’re challenged to keep your patients safe, your staff educated, your costs down, and ensure compliance with regulatory agencies.

AORN’s Guidelines for Perioperative Practice are the only evidence-based guidelines for perioperative nurses approved by the National Guideline Clearinghouse. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), the Joint Commission (TJC) and other accreditation bodies also refer to AORN’s Guidelines for Perioperative Practice when writing their standards.

AORN offers evidence-based solutions that will allow your ASC to become more efficient and profitable by:
- increasing efficiency and profit margins
- improving quality
- reducing costs
- boosting recruitment
- increasing retention

Partner with AORN today for turnkey outpatient surgical solutions customized for your ASC and driven by our evidence-based Guidelines. Together we can help keep your patients safer and make your job easier.

To learn more, visit www.aorn.org/asc
AORN’s Guidelines for Perioperative Practice are created to provide guidance for achieving excellence in perioperative patient care and workplace safety. This collection of 32 evidence-based guidelines is intended for use by all perioperative professionals to promote safety and optimal outcomes for our patients. The Guidelines are also used by many accrediting bodies and state health agencies during their surveys, which makes implementing the Guidelines imperative to improving patient and workplace safety, managing risk, and securing health care reimbursements.

There are five Guidelines that contain supplemental ambulatory-specific content. They are:

- **Medication safety** - covers the CMS Condition for Coverage (CfC) requirements for pharmaceutical services in your ASC as well as internal controls for safely storing and dispensing medications.
- **Environment of care** - covers topics such as the oxygen delivery system for your center and how to monitor it during hours in which the center is closed.
- **Prevention of transmissible infections** - covers the CMS requirements for a credible infection control program in your surgery center.
- **Reducing radiologic exposure** - discusses physician privileging and credentialing for radiology services and the role of the radiation safety officer in your center.
- **Prevention of retained surgical items** - covers what to do in the event of a surgical item that cannot be accounted for and intraoperative imaging is not available.

**Electronic subscription (eSubscription) enables online access to the Guidelines and is:**

- Designed for both single-site and multiple-site facilities
- Updated throughout the year with the release of new and revised Guidelines
- Accessible anytime, anywhere, 24/7
- Ideal for ASCs with multiple-users
- An educational resource with tools and templates designed for in-service training
- A time-saving resource with policy and procedure templates and competency verifications

With an eSubscription, you’ll also receive access to the Guideline Essentials. The Guideline Essentials is a suite of online education and implementation tools designed to help perioperative professionals easily Translate Evidence into Practice™ in your ASC. The Guidelines book is also available in print, CD, and USB drive versions.

To learn more, visit aorn.org/esubscription
AORN’s Ambulatory Infection Prevention Course can help your ASC create an effective and credible infection prevention and control program. It is recognized by CMS as an approved educational course for their required infection prevention training. It includes four modules that follow the CMS Infection Prevention Surveyor Worksheet. The program focuses on the observations and assessments frequently made during regulatory visits.

Four Online Learning Modules
1. Sterilization and high-level disinfection, including a section on reprocessing of single-use devices
2. Hand hygiene practices including surveillance and suggestions to improve compliance
3. Critical environmental infection prevention practices
4. Practices related to point-of-care devices and safe injection practices

INFECTION PREVENTION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

AORN has gathered the documents you need to keep your ASC aligned with the CMS Infection Prevention Surveyor Worksheet and put them in one place – Infection Prevention Policies & Procedures USB. These are customizable infection prevention documents to provide the frame-work for creating a comprehensive infection prevention and control program.

In addition, the documents include job descriptions and related competencies for positions that impact infection prevention, such as:
• Employee Health Nurse
• Environmental Safety Officer
• Materials Manager
• Quality Improvement Coordinator
• Risk Manager
• Perioperative Staff Nurse

AORN’s Infection Prevention Course and corresponding Policies & Procedures are designed to help the ASC maintain low infection rates and minimize risks.

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SAFE ADMINISTRATION OF MODERATE SEDATION
YOUR MODERATE SEDATION SOLUTION

AORN’s Safe Administration of Moderate Sedation is an in-depth online course that provides education and training required to safely administer and monitor patients receiving moderate sedation, including unique circumstances of special patient populations (e.g. pediatric patients or those with obstructive sleep apnea).

Learn how to titrate doses, how to recognize when a patient has slipped into an unintended deeper level of sedation, and how to rescue the patient from a deeper-than-intended level of sedation. The modules in this course include:

Seven Online Learning Modules
1. Scope of Practice and the Role of the Sedation Nurse
2. Patient Selection and Pre-Procedure Guidelines
3. Physiological Monitoring and Airway Management
4. Medication Administration and Rescue
5. Care of the Pediatric Patient
6. Care of the Older Adult
7. Post-procedure Care and Discharge

ONBOARDING FOR THE ASC
YOUR ONBOARDING PRODUCTIVITY SOLUTION

AORN’s Onboarding for the ASC is an online course that helps the perioperative nurse who is transitioning from an acute care facility to an ambulatory surgery center. It will provide them with a better understanding of how productivity, risk management, and supply chain management is managed differently and how it affects profitability in an ASC setting. The modules in this course include:

Four Online Learning Modules
1. Risk Management in an Ambulatory Surgery Center
2. Understanding Productivity in an Ambulatory Surgery Center
3. Introduction to Supply Chain Management
4. Medication Safety Assessment

Learn to safely administer moderate sedation and help your ASC nurses easily transition from an acute care facility to an ambulatory surgery center with these online education solutions.

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ASC Periop 101 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 ASC-specific 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 ASC Periop 101 to educate new perioperative nurses. It consists of 28 online learning modules, including ASC-specific modules that cover pre- and postoperative care.

ASC Periop 101 benefits include:
- enhancing your team’s knowledge, skills, and confidence in perioperative practice
- cultivating a team environment for perioperative excellence
- improving staff recruitment and retention
- boosting evidence-based patient safety

There are currently over 12,000 Periop 101 graduates and counting. Periop 101 is used by over 2,500 hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers nationwide to recruit, educate, and retain perioperative nurses.

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PERIOP MASTERY PROGRAM
YOUR EXPERIENCED NURSE EDUCATION SOLUTION

AORN’s Periop Mastery Program is a turnkey, patented online program designed to successfully assess your experienced ASC perioperative nurses’ current skills. Periop Mastery will give your experienced ASC team members the updated knowledge they need to help mitigate risk from incorrect or confidently held misinformation. This program measures individual and staff learning progress to help bring your entire ASC team up-to-date on the latest AORN’s Guidelines for Perioperative Practice.

Use Analytics to Identify Knowledge Gaps

377 Perioperative Nurses:  □ Misinformation □ Uncertainty □ Mastery

- Malignant Hyperthermia
- Transmissible Infections
- Safe Environment of Care
- Sterilization
- High Level Disinfection
- Prevention of Retained Surgical Items
- Hand Hygiene

AORN’s Periop Mastery Program covers four main topic areas and includes sixteen modules:

1. ASEPTIC TECHNIQUE
   - Environmental Cleaning
   - Hand Hygiene in the Perioperative Setting

2. PATIENT & WORKER SAFETY
   - Retained Surgical Items
   - Prevention of Transmissible Infections

3. PATIENT CARE
   - Malignant Hyperthermia
   - Moderate Sedation
   - Perioperative Care of the Older Adult
   - Positioning the Patient

4. STERILIZATION & DISINFECTION
   - High-Level Disinfection
   - Sterilization in the Perioperative Setting

Surgery is a high risk environment. Mitigate your risk with Periop Mastery by identifying and closing perioperative knowledge gaps. How can you address knowledge gaps if you don’t know they exist?

To learn more, visit aorn.org/periopmasteryprogram
ASC ADMINISTRATOR SKILLS COURSE LIVE
YOUR FACE-TO-FACE ASC LEADERSHIP SOLUTION

AORN’s ASC Administrator Skills Course teaches both new as well as seasoned free-standing ASC administrators how to successfully manage a successful and profitable ASC. This course is designed not only for administrators; nurses, physicians, and facility owners will also benefit. It’s specifically developed for ASC professionals and uses a blended curriculum including a 3.5-day face-to-face course which provides a foundation for the nine (9) online modules that follow course attendance.

Attending the face-to-face event will also provide the opportunity to network with nationally recognized speakers and with your ASC peers. We’ve also dedicated an entire day specifically to ASC finances.

Key topics include:
- ASC quality reporting requirements
- Understanding budgets, assets/liabilities, balance sheets, and pro-forma statements
- Regulatory compliance
- Accreditation survey preparation
- Cost control and value-based purchasing
- CASC* exam preparation

*CASC® is a registered trademark of the Board of Ambulatory Surgery Certification, which neither sponsors nor endorses this program.

ASC ADMINISTRATOR SKILLS COURSE ONLINE
YOUR ONLINE ASC LEADERSHIP SOLUTION

AORN also offers the ASC Administrator Skills course online, giving you the flexibility to learn at your own pace. This program features select modules from the face-to-face course plus gives you the option to complete the course within four months.

We understand how busy you are and what it takes to manage an ASC. This online version will allow you to learn the business side of managing a free-standing surgery center while you juggle the numerous ASC management responsibilities. The modules in this course include:

11 Learning Modules
1. Leadership & Management
2. Human Resources
3. Professional Development
4. Quality Management
5. Risk Management
6. Medical Records Management
7. Facility Management
8. Anesthesia Services
9. Intraoperative and Diagnostic Services
10. Pharmacy and Medication Management in the ASC
11. Marketing your Facility

Whether you and your ASC team prefer to learn face-to-face or online, AORN’s ASC Skills Courses have you covered.

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AORN’s ASC Group Membership program is a solution for ambulatory surgery centers to meet the education and professional development needs of all new and experienced perioperative nursing staff.

AORN’s ASC Group Membership is a solution to address common education challenges facing many ASCs today including:
- improving your onboarding process
- providing best-in-class educational resources
- demonstrating a commitment to ongoing education support
- implementing a standardized education curriculum

ASC Group Membership Package includes (one per package):
- ASC Infection Prevention Course
- Periop 101 Sterilization and Disinfection Module
- Infection Prevention Policies & Procedures USB

ASC Group Membership includes (per nurse):
- AORN membership for each team member
- ANA affiliate membership
- Ability to transfer team members in and out of the program
- The award-winning AORN Journal (print and digital)
- Access for your ASC team to Guidelines for Perioperative Practice - eSubscription
- Online access to implementation tools - Guideline Essentials
- Continuing education resources, clinical practice tools, e-newsletters
- AORN members get 25% off or more on most AORN products

With Group Membership you can inspire and reward your staff with the benefits of being an AORN member. Includes additional benefits and discounts for your organization.

To learn more, visit aorn.org/groupmembership
ASC nurses are in high demand today. Partner with AORN Career Center to reach thousands of passive and active nurse job seekers and show them why they should work for you. With our automated AORN Career Center platform, you can create an employer account to post a job, prepay, and search resumes the same day.

We can help your ASC attract top perioperative nurses. We’ll provide important resources, including tips and tools to optimize your time and help you build a perioperative ASC team that will improve patient safety and nurse retention.

Easily build a custom plan to reach qualified ASC candidates:
- Job Board
- Display Ads
- Email
- Social Media

- AORN Career Center has been the premier online employment site for nurses since 2001.
- 5,000 employers have successfully used AORN Career Center.
- On average, 1,800 job seekers are actively looking for their next perioperative job.

To learn more, visit aorn.org/career-center
AORN, INC

Who We Are
AORN, Inc., represents the interests of more than 160,000 perioperative nurses and provides education, standards, and services that enable optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. Our 41,000 registered nurse members manage, teach, and practice perioperative nursing, are enrolled in nursing education, are engaged in perioperative research, or work in related business and industry sectors.

What We Do
Promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures for operating room and ambulatory professionals through:

Education and Clinical Practice Support
We provide resources and professional development through education established by AORN’s evidence-based and peer-reviewed Guidelines for Perioperative Practice, accepted into the National Guidelines Clearinghouse and referenced by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, the Joint Commission and CMS

Advocacy
We monitor nursing and health care laws and regulations through our National Legislative Committee and AORN state legislative coordinators, and coordinate and engage AORN members who are active grassroots advocates to participate in the legislative and regulatory processes. Our clinical and administrative staff serves on the committees and boards of approximately 30 professional associations to protect and improve safe perioperative practices.

Philanthropy
The AORN Foundation is the 501(c)(3) philanthropic arm of AORN, committed to advancing patient safety by supporting nurses who make surgery safe through education, research, and patient safety initiatives.

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