RECLAIM YOUR YEAR AT THE PREMIER GATHERING OF PERIOPERATIVE PROFESSIONALS

AORN GLOBAL SURGICAL CONFERENCE & EXPO
August 7-10, 2021 · Orlando, FL

2021 CONFERENCE LINEUP
#AORN2021
Our Shared Purpose: Safe Surgery Together

COVID-19 introduced a more complex world where risk knows no bounds. But here we stand, together again, eager to connect and ready to learn. This is your time to reenergize and regroup with the best and brightest in perioperative nursing. Join us at AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 2021, August 7-10 in Orlando, FL.

REGROUP AND RECOMMIT

By investing a few days in your professional development, you’ll gain new insights, capabilities, and spark your professional passion. Attend four days of inspiring and educational talks from the groundbreakers, igniters, and motivators shaping the future. Discover new practice solutions and state-of-the-art products and technology.

12 LEARNING TRACKS
200 CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS
HUNDREDS OF PRODUCT DEMOS & INDUSTRY INNOVATIONS
COUNTLESS PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

COVID-19 Safety

The safety of our attendees, exhibitors, and staff is vital. AORN is working closely with Visit Orlando, the Orange County Convention Center, vendors, and key partners to ensure we are consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. Learn more about our safety precautions at aorn.org/surgicalexpo/covidsafety.

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THANK YOU
To Our Corporate Sponsors

Come for the Conference. Stay for Vacation.

Take a well-earned break and experience all Orlando has to offer before, during, and after the conference, including:

• Walt Disney World Resort
• Sea World Orlando
• Universal Studios
• Themed water parks
• World-class dining and shopping
• Unique nighttime entertainment
• Coastal beaches just an hour away and more!
FOR FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES: MENTORS, ORIENTATIONS & MEETUPS

First-Time Attendee Lounge
New to the conference? Network with other attendees in the First-Time Attendee Lounge. Ask questions and get advice from experienced volunteers. Meetups will be scheduled during the conference week for first timers and conference veterans.

Conference Mentoring Program
You won’t have to go it alone in Orlando. Sign up for the Conference Mentoring Program to connect with Expo experts who will help you navigate the event. Get insider tips and tricks in advance of the conference and make plans to meet up onsite.

Q&A with the Poster Authors
Talk with your peers about their latest research and work during scheduled meet and greets. Gain insights from hundreds of poster presentations on-site and in the online gallery. Poster topics focus on clinical improvement and new innovations, research, design/concept, DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion), and evidence-based practice.

Expo Hall Opening Reception
Make plans to attend the Expo Hall debut on Sunday, April 8, from 4pm to 6pm ET. The evening event provides an opportunity to mingle with vendors and peers in a relaxed and festive environment.

Build Professional Relationships
Networking ranks as a top benefit of attending the annual conference. Use this time to connect with peers to share stories, get new ideas, grow your career, and have fun.

The Unparalleled Expo Hall Experience
Your conference experience will not be complete without a visit to the Expo Hall – one of the largest surgical trade shows in the U.S. Hundreds of leading medical companies will be sharing their newest innovations. You can connect with recruiters from top healthcare systems, participate in education workshops, virtual reality simulation trainings, and so much more.

• See firsthand how products work through live demonstrations.
• Discover the latest in technology and solutions in the Innovation Zone.
• Advance your career by networking with the largest healthcare systems.
• Earn dozens of accredited education contact hours presented by our vendor partners.
Personalize Your Learning Plan

Attend the most revered perioperative nursing conference in the industry that meets you where you are in your career with a customizable learning experience. With 12 education tracks, you can choose from over 100 sessions, live and on demand, that align specifically to your professional role and topics that interest you most.

EDUCATION TRACKS
1. Ambulatory
2. Clinical
3. Educator
4. Evidence-Based Practice/Research
5. Global
6. Infection Control/Infection Prevention
7. Informatics
8. Leadership/Management
9. Professional Development
10. Quality Indicators
11. Risk Management
12. Sterile Processing

ON-DEMAND VIRTUAL EDUCATION LIBRARY

New in 2021, AORN is expanding the educational content! Your Full Conference Pass now includes a library of on-demand sessions for 45 days after the event. Log in at your convenience to watch sessions you missed live in Orlando and also get access to dozens of new session recordings.

AORN EXPO EDUCATION HAS IT ALL

- Get questions answered about AORN Guidelines.
- Learn how to improve infection prevention.
- Find new solutions to critical challenges.
- Discover proven strategies for achieving individual and team goals.
- Get a leg up on influencing purchasing decisions.
- Take the next step in your career.
OPENING GENERAL SESSION: Transforming How We Tackle Challenges
Walter Bond
Successful hospitals and hospital systems are very similar to successful sports teams. Like sports, healthcare operates by a few basic fundamentals. Do you know what they are? Do you know what’s required of you to get to the next level? Being fundamentally sound means you pay attention to every detail in your business and industry. You take criticism and use it to your advantage. You know your competition and you don’t stop, no matter what. Competition in today’s healthcare is fierce, as it is in any business. As registered nurses, you have the advantage of being identified by the public as a member of the most trusted profession. Walter will teach you strategies to boost confidence, and create buy in and engagement.

Hot Topic! Retained Surgical Items (RSIs) Guideline Update
Julie Cahn, DNP, RN, CNOR, RN-BC, ACNS-BC, CNS-CP
Hear about the recent revisions to the 2022 Guideline for Prevention of Retained Surgical Items. This hot-topic session will discuss the significant revisions and key points in preventing RSIs in your patients.

The Future of Congenital Heart Surgery and 3-D Printing
Crystal D. Carter, MSN, RN
Gain valuable insights into how 3-D models can help surgical and clinical perioperative educators, nurse managers, and clinical staff nurses participate and plan for the appropriate surgical approach, prepare for critical interventions, and anticipate prospective complications. You’ll also get a firsthand look at a surgeon holding a 3-D model of a patient’s heart while explaining his surgical process.

Infection Prevention Strategies in the Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)
Lisa A. Berus, MSN, MEd, RN, CASSPT, CAIP
The role of the infection preventionist is critical in any healthcare organization. In an ASC, nurses are often assigned the task as an ancillary role to his or her regular nursing duties, often without any formal background in infection prevention. This presentation will describe the necessary components of an infection control program and help the ASC infection preventionist navigate the many regulations, accreditation standards, and best practice guidelines. You’ll also receive an overview of the infection control risk assessment, infection surveillance, and strategies to prevent surgical site infections (SSIs).
2021 Update on Sterilization Best Practices
Susan Klacik, BS, CRCST, ACE, FCSS and Erin Kyle, DNP, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC
Keeping policies and procedures in line with the most up-to-date best practices is fundamental of perioperative management and also contributes to the preparation for an accreditation review. This engaging and comprehensive presentation will provide attendees with a summary of the most recent changes in the best practices and regulations that affect healthcare medical device processing. Included in this discussion will be the new AORN Guidelines, featuring the Guideline for Care and Cleaning Surgical Instruments and Electrosurgical Safety, revisions to AAMI documents for healthcare medical device processing, and new regulations.

When Stress Hijacks Your Brain in the OR
Amy E. Bair, PhD, PMP, BCIA and Spencer L. Byrum
Working in healthcare requires you to frequently operate in a complex, uncertain, and time-compressed environment, which can impact your performance and personal health. These conditions can also have a profound effect on attention and decision-making skills, yet you cannot afford to make errors at work. This presentation will help you identify and implement critical behavior change tactics. It will specifically look at individual behavior and performance across the full spectrum of home and work environment, identifying key areas of impairment. Attendees will self-assess on three levels: preventative care, coping strategies, and recovery techniques.

AORN FOUNDATION GENERAL SESSION: Find Your Spark: Inspiring Disruption, Growth, and Action
Josh Linkner
A spark. A flash of creative brilliance. A new beginning. The energy to forge ahead when things get tough. What if you could cultivate and deploy this white-hot mighty force? What if you injected sparks of innovation, competitive advantage, and sustainable growth into your cohorts? Whether it's mustering the courage to take that first step or harnessing the creative soul of your team to ignite wide-sweeping transformation, it's time to create sparks so powerful they can't be ignored. The long-awaited breakthrough idea. The inspiration to drive change. The unexpected solution to a burdensome problem. The beginning of unstoppable momentum. In this inspiring and actionable keynote, a famed tech entrepreneur and New York Times bestselling author provides a memorable performance to help you cultivate those powerful, combustible forces. Through real-world examples, hysterically funny stories, and practical takeaways, Josh will help you and you will help your organization.

Virtual Reality Surgical Fire Training
The future of preparedness is here. This year’s Expo Hall will feature demonstrations of Health Scholars’ Fire in The OR™ VR simulation. Fire in The OR™ transports providers to the OR where they can review fire triad principles and practice management of a real-to-life surgical fire on a patient. Demonstrations will include an overview of VR technology, hardware, and best practices for integrating VR training.
Featured Sessions

Don't miss these speakers and others at our Global Surgical Conference

Jerry G. Peers Lectureship

David Williams, MD

Dr. Williams is an internationally recognized social scientist, Norman Professor of Public Health, and chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. He is also a Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard and author of over 500 scientific papers. His research addresses how race, stress, socioeconomic status, racism, health behavior and religious involvement can affect health. Dr. Williams will share an overview of the large and persistent socioeconomic and racial/ethnic inequities in health and the interventions within healthcare systems that can help bring about change.

Closing General Session

Martin “Marty” Makary, MD, MPH

Named one of the most influential people in healthcare, Dr. Makary is a New York Times best bestselling author and leading voice for transparency in healthcare. He is the recipient of the 2020 Business Book of the Year Award for The Price We Pay. A professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, he has published over 250 scientific articles on the re-design of healthcare, medical innovation, and vulnerable populations. Dr. Makary has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine and is editor in chief of Medpage Today. He has written for The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, and USA Today and is a frequent medical commentator. He speaks nationally and internationally on the appropriateness of care, lifestyle choices that influence health outcomes, employee health benefits design, and healthcare costs.
FEATURED EXHIBITORS
Don't Miss These Exhibitors and Others at Our Global Surgical Trade Show

- Action Products, Inc.
- Aerobiotix
- Aramark
- Aspen Surgical
- AORN
- BD
- J. Med
- Flagship Surgical
- Johnson & Johnson
- Mizuho
- OSI
- Stryker
Education Sessions You Won’t Want to Miss

**LIVE SESSIONS**

2021 Update on Sterilization Best Practices
Ambulatory Surgery: Compliance Officer: Understanding the Role’s Responsibilities
Being a Member of the AORN Board of Directors: What Does that REALLY Mean?
Clinical Nurse Educator: Our Shared Goal: Stability in Crisis Through Creative Education
Coach Versus Mentor: How to Impact Successful Leadership Development in Perioperative Nursing Communication Challenges: Strategies to Foster Effective Teamwork and Promote Quality and Safety
Efficacy of Temperature-controlled Airflow in the OR to Reduce Surgical Site Infections
Engaging the Team in the RCA Process to Evaluate Practice and Improve Patient Safety
Enhanced Recovery After Pancreatic Surgery: How To Care For Patients With Cancer
Escape Rooms and Other Interactive Methods of Education
Find Your Spark: Inspiring Disruption, Growth, and Action
Help! My Cranial Surgery Patient is Awake!
Identifying Transfer of Care Gaps: Electronic Health Record Capture of Perioperative Handoff Communications
Implementing a Daily Huddle in Your ASC
Incorporating the Neutral Zone into Your OR Practice
Intraoperative Trauma Communication Pathway: Understanding the Importance of Highly Effective Communication During Intraoperative Trauma
Leadership Tools for the Emerging Leader
Leadership: Be A Leader You Would Follow
Malignant Hyperthermia: Corrective Action Preventive Action
New Horizons: 2021 Translational AORN Laser Guidelines
Optimizing Patient Health Leads to Safer Surgery
OR Noise is a Distraction But Not All Distractions Are Noise: How to Put a Plan into Practice
Rapid Fire! Recruitment & Retention
REBOOT: The Missing Link to Productivity and Performance
Reflections: AORN History of Diversity and Moving Forward with Great Intentions
Retained Surgical Items Guideline Update
Robotic Emergencies: The Use of Simulation to Determine Role Delineation and Timeliness in Emergency Conversion Situations
Sterilization Quality Control for the ASC: Are Your Practices Current?
Strategies for Surgical Patient Safety: A Systems Approach to Improving Outcomes and Reducing Risk
Street Smarts: An Essential Leadership Proficiency
Student Program: Perioperative Unfolding Case Study: An Overview of the Patient Experience
Surgical Smoke Research Projects
The Art of Human Care: Change the World One Patient at a Time
The Future of Congenital Heart Surgery and 3-D Printing
The Sequel: Inspirational Stories of Compassion and Courage From an OR Near You
Transforming How We Tackle Challenges
Unplanned Hypothermia Temperature Trajectories in Surgical Patients Warmed with Forced Air
Use of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Survey on Patient Survey to Improve Patient Safety in ASCs
What is The Joint Commission Looking For? A Peek at Accreditation Success During and Post-Pandemic
When Stress Hijacks Your Brain in the OR
Workplace Civility
Education Sessions You Won’t Want to Miss

ON-DEMAND GALLERY

AAA, ELSG, and TEVARs – Oh My!
Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate (A.L.I.C.E.) in the OR: Protecting Staff and Patients
An Interprofessional Approach to Policy Development for the Care of Known or Suspected Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease
Analysing Environmental Quality Indicators in a Dynamic OR
Become an RN Leader Who Slays Managing the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Physical Environment!
Caring Is Also Sharing! Stop Reinventing the Wheel!
COVID-19: A Global Perspective
Culture and Bullying: The Elephant in the Room
Distractions in the Operating Room: Using Data for Quality and Safety Initiatives
ELPO: Evidence-Based Positioning Injury Risk Assessment Scale
Give Me My Surgical Teams! Using Predictive Analytics to Manage OR Staffing, Service Proficiency, and to Get Ahead of the Succession Curve.
History of Males in Nursing
How Green is Your OR?
How To Get What You Want! It’s All About The Business Case!
In Search of Happiness at Work
Is the Current Thinking Around Personal Protective Equipment Bad for Hospital Staff Safety?
Leadership Team Huddles: How They Can Improve A Team’s Daily Communication
Management of Nursing Skills in the OR: When the KSMOR Becomes Essential!
Organ Donation: A Hero’s Walk Of Honor
Our Shared Purpose: Engaging Virtual Teaching
Patients With COVID-19 Undergoing Cesarean Deliveries: Adapting the OR Suite and Perioperative Care to Prevent Transmission
Perioperative Directors Guide to Managing a Sterile Processing Department
Perioperative Stress Hyperglycemia: Enhanced Recovery and Infection Prevention Implications
Red Rules Rule! An Interactive and Engaging Course to Train Experienced Staff on Best Practices to Enhance Patient Safety
Resilience: Climate Change, Covid-19, and the Future of Surgery
Sedation Station: Building a Track to Safe Standardized Practice
Special Delivery: Developing a Uterine Transplant Program
Surgical Smoke Evacuation: Plausible in Your OR! Your Power, Your Voice!
The Disaster Within
The Future of GI Endoscope Reprocessing
Together We Write Right!
Turnaround Times: Improving Efficiency in the OR
Utilizing IPASS for Effective Communication Hand-offs in the Perioperative Setting
Why Did They Win? Awards and Recognition

Visit aorn.org/surgicalexpo for a full schedule and speaker bios.
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2021
At Global Conference & Expo

We're bringing together top thought leaders to share perioperative updates, proven management strategies, and showcase cutting-edge technologies and solutions.

The program is designed for emerging leaders and experienced executives looking to:
- Focus on the management and business side of perioperative nursing.
- Network with leaders from the nation's top healthcare systems.
- Hear from industry experts on critical issues facing the surgical suite.
- Connect with leading medical supply companies and service providers.

“The topics were very engaging and provided insight for promoting safety and advancing practice.”
- Past Attendee

RESET AND GROW WITH THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST PERIOPERATIVE LEADERS

TOPICS WE’LL BE TALKING ABOUT
- Focusing on Our Future Through Utilization of Intelligent Automation
- Beyond the Image of Diversity: How to Create a Sense of Inclusion
- Using Financial Incentives to Promote Teamwork and Productivity in the OR
- Critical Elements for Managing Supplies During a Crisis
- Using Lean Daily Management in the OR to Increase OR Utilization and Case Volume
- Critical Elements of Business Plan Development
- Rethink Your Energy
- True Leadership
- Perioperative Nursing Leadership 2021: Rebooting after a Life-Quake

Learn more at aorn.org/leadershipsummit.
Walk away with evidence-based practices to share with your facility that will improve patient outcomes and your bottom line.

**Saturday, August 7**
- **Chapter Officer Summit**
- **Leadership Summit**
- Concurrent Education
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- Awards & Award for Excellence Education Session
- Opening Ceremony
- Expo Hall Opening Reception

**Sunday, August 8**
- **Concurrent Education**
- **Specialty Assembly Meetings**
- **Leadership Summit**
- **AORN Congress: First Forum**
- **AORN Congress: First House of Delegates**
- **AORN Foundation General Session**

**Monday, August 9**
- **Concurrent Education**
- **Students, Academic Faculty, and Clinical Educators Programs**
- **Expo Hall Open**
- **AORN Congress: Second Forum**
- **AORN Congress: Second House of Delegates & Closing Ceremony**

**Tuesday, August 10**
- **Concurrent Education**
- **Closing General Session**
- **Expo Hall Open**
- **AORN Foundation General Session**
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. AORN is provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 13019. Check with your state board of nursing for acceptability of education sessions for re-licensure.

National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) has partnered with AORN as a source of quality continuing education courses for surgical technologists. In accordance with its Outside CE Course Submission and Acceptance Policy for recertification, contact hours provided by AORN may be completed and submitted to NCCT for outside CE approval for recertification credit.

Conference Registration and Hotel Reservations

Conference Registration
You have three easy ways to register:

1. Online
   aorn.org/surgicalexpo

2. Phone
   (888) 266-7644 (within US/Canada)
   (972) 349-5879 (outside US/Canada)

3. Mail
   Download the registration form at aorn.org/surgicalexpo and send to:
   AORN Expo Registration
   Dept. #13801
   PO Box 30106
   Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Hotel Reservations
Book online at mcisemi.com/aorn2021/ and get exclusive hotel rates and amenities through our official housing partner.

Beware of Fake and Fraudulent Housing Claims
AORN has designated MCI USA as the only housing provider for the AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo. There are fraudulent companies and organizations that will try to present themselves as official partners of AORN and offer you a potential room that might not be guaranteed or available.
Early-Bird Special Rates
Register by June 11, 2021

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Extra Savings

Group Rates
AORN provides discounted registration rates for groups registering three or more individuals at the same time for the Full Conference Pass. Each individual in the group will receive an additional $40 off their rate.

AORN ASC or Facility Group Members Discount
ASC and facility group members receive $20 off the weekly rate for individuals or an extra $40 off when registering three or more. Discount may be applied to Full Conference and Leadership Summit registrations.
Learn more about group memberships at aorn.org/join/group-memberships.

Military Members Discount
Active duty and veteran military members receive $50 off the Full Conference and Leadership Summit registrations.

For more details about the different passes, visit aorn.org/surgicalexpo.

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