



PERIOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS *for* HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, *and* AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS



ALLEVIATE STAFFING ISSUES & STAFF SHORTAGE



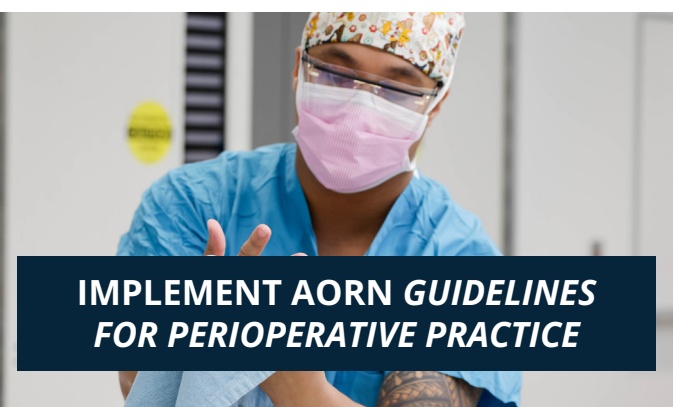
MEET REGULATORY COMPLIANCE



ENSURE CLINICAL COMPETENCY



SUPPORT PATIENT & STAFF SAFETY



**IMPLEMENT AORN GUIDELINES
FOR PERIOPERATIVE PRACTICE**



**ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR NOVICE & EXPERIENCED RNS**



Safe Surgery Together

AORN Solutions Designed to Support Efficient, High-Quality Care

The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) sets the gold standard for perioperative safety and efficiency with evidence-based guidelines that drive measurable results, empowering high-performing teams, stronger margins, and better patient outcomes.

Because every facility is unique, AORN offers a comprehensive suite of solutions tailored to the evolving needs of hospitals, health systems, and ambulatory surgery centers, all grounded in the Guidelines for Perioperative Practice to support consistent standards, strengthen clinical excellence, and promote optimal patient care.

Get the support you need to ensure your team members, whether new to the OR suite or seasoned professionals, are providing exemplary practice in all phases of perioperative nursing care using evidence-based guidelines, continuing education, and clinical practice resources.

Stronger Together—Your Facility and AORN

Explore this guide to discover the resources available to support you and your perioperative team. When you're ready, contact AORN at periopsolutions@aorn.org to connect with a representative who brings perioperative nursing experience and practical insight. We'll partner with you to understand your needs and identify education solutions that align with your goals and budget.



FOR ALL CAREER STAGES

- *AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* print book
- eGuidelines Plus
- AORN CineMed Video Library and Perioperative Clips
- Provide your team all the benefits of AORN Group Membership.
- Care of the Pediatric Surgical Patient
- Foundations for Sterile Processing
- Foundations for Endoscopy
- Preparing for the Scrub Role

PERIOPERATIVE CAREER PATHWAYS



PRELICENSURE NURSING STUDENT

Career initiation

Understands the foundation of periop nursing & professional accountability

Knows what “patient-centered care” means

Familiar with clinical surgical settings and responsibilities of team members

Studies nursing processes and workflows across perioperative care

Learns clinical safety principles and practices for infection prevention, team safety & teamwork

AORN Resources

Introduction to Perioperative Nursing

AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo

Complimentary AORN Student Membership: *AORN Journal*, *Guideline Essentials*

AORN Career Center (externships, P101 residencies)

Student Day at AORN Expo

NEW PERIOP NURSE (<1 year)

Learning periop practice, building clinical skills

Learns to work collaboratively and safely with periop team for optimal patient-centered care

Has support to increase independence in surgical patient care

AORN Resources

Periop 101: A Core Curriculum™

AORN Periop 101 Membership: *AORN Journal*, *Guideline Essentials*, *Guideline Webinars*, AORN Tool Kits, Periop Corner Online Community, Braindate Gatherings

Periop Online Education (OR & ASC)

AORN Syntegrity

AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo

The Stitch

EMERGING PERIOP NURSE (1-2 years)

Growing competence and confidence

Familiar with AORN *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*

Identifies knowledge gaps and areas of focus

Develops clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills

Experiences multiple surgical specialties & patient acuity

Communicates and collaborates effectively with interdisciplinary care team

AORN Resources

AORN Membership: Prep for CNOR®, *AORN Journal*, *Guideline Essentials*, Periop Corner Online Community, Braindate Gatherings

Periop 202™

Periop 303, *New in 2026*

Preop/Postop & ASC Courses

ASC Academy: Prep for Infection Prevention Certification

Preparing the Preceptor

Safe Administration of Moderate Sedation

AORN Syntegrity

AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo

Knowledge Assessment

EXPERIENCED PERIOP NURSE (3-5 years)

Expand clinical skills, eligible for certifications

Confidently implements evidence-based practices and recommendations

Knows proper techniques in all aspects of surgical patient care in various practice areas

Understands patient demographics and pathophysiology impacts on interventions and risks

Conducts risk assessments, risk mitigation, and performance improvement processes

Collaborates with interdisciplinary care team

Acts as lead or preceptor

AORN Resources

AORN Leader Membership: Periop Corner Online Community, Braindate Gatherings, Leader Video Library, Leader Blog

Center for Perioperative Leadership

ASC Academy: Administrator Essentials

ASC Academy: Expanding Service Lines

ASC Academy: Leadership Guides

Prep for CNOR

Value Analysis Resources

AORN Journal

Leadership Summit at AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo

AORN Syntegrity

ADVANCED PERIOP NURSE (4-6+ years) Moving into Speciality

Educator

AORN Resources for Educators:

Preceptor Course

Periop 101 Administrator

Expo Educator Track

Simulation Scenarios

Advanced Clinical

AORN Resources for:

Informatics

Infection Preventionist

Quality/Risk Management

Research

RNFA

Value Analysis

Advanced Practice Nurse (CNS, NP)

Leadership

AORN Resources for:

Emerging Leaders

Charge RN

Associate Nurse Manager

Nurse Manager

Director

Vice President

Associate CNO

CNO



Organizational Membership

More than a membership—AORN's Organizational Membership delivers the evidence-based resources your perioperative team needs to stay compliant, prepared, and confident.

Why It Matters:

- **Reduce Risk & Ensure Compliance** – Stay ahead of accreditation and regulatory requirements.
- **Cut Training Costs & Boost Retention** – Invest in ongoing education that supports certification, and staff development.
- **Increase Efficiency & Confidence** – Equip your nurses with trusted clinical tools to work smarter, not harder.

Additional memberships may be added at a discounted rate.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- **eGuidelines Plus Subscription**
(2 simultaneous users)
- **CNOR Prep Course & Specialty Course Library**
- **1 Leader Membership Upgrade**
- **50% Discount on optional add on: The Sterilization Process Course**
- **AORN Journal, 200 CNE CHs, & More**

**SAVE BIG
ON FULL
PACKAGE
VALUE**

Perioperative Essentials Bundle

Educate efficiently, retain staff & stay survey-ready

From perioperative nurse onboarding, to providing evidence-based clinical resources for daily practice, and supporting ongoing development across your team's career paths, these core solutions set your team up to provide the safest care possible while getting the most out of your education budget.

Periop 101: A Core Curriculum™

This education program blends online, classroom, and hands-on clinical experience using AORN's *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* to provide RNs new to the periop setting an evidence-based, comprehensive clinical foundation.

The program also now includes continuing education for experienced RNs and extended complimentary AORN Membership for Periop 101 learners and administrators. As part of the complimentary AORN Membership, Periop 101 learners will also receive the Prep for CNOR Online course.

The program is available in 3 learning plans to meet the needs of various surgical areas: OR, ASC, and Cesarean Section.

eGuidelines Plus

This facility-wide online subscription delivers essential perioperative resources for teams across the OR, ASC, and procedural departments. Access the latest AORN *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*, clinical FAQs, and step-by-step implementation tools. Save time with ready-to-use policies, customizable competencies, and in-service presentations. Accreditation Assistant and the new 2026 AAAHC Compliance Playbook streamline survey preparation with policy templates aligned to AAAHC v44 standards.

AORN CineMed Videos

Video Library

In partnership with CineMed, AORN delivers video-based continuing education for perioperative teams and ancillary departments in one platform. Courses support competency development and best practices with study guides and post-tests, offering 50+ contact hours. Videos are mobile-friendly and include closed captions, note-taking, Spanish translations, and administrator assignment and reporting tools.

Perioperative Clips

Short, evidence-based videos providing quick "how-to" guidance on essential clinical topics such as prepping, positioning, and draping- ideal for quick reference and point-of-care learning.



Specialized Role-Specific Courses

Preparing for the Scrub Role

An essential program that equips perioperative nurses with the knowledge, workflows, and clinical skills required to confidently transition to the sterile field or scrub role.

Covers core competencies, including scrubbing, gowning and gloving, draping, instrumentation, and suture basics, along with pre-, intra-, and post-procedural responsibilities through interactive learning and hands-on skills labs.

Foundations for Endoscopy

A blended learning course for perioperative and procedural RNs, focusing on GI endoscopy patient care, safety culture, accountability, and essential equipment for upper and lower GI procedures.

ASC Academy: Administrator Essentials

Pinpoint & prioritize the most crucial duties in your first year at the helm and get the comprehensive training you need to tackle them like an experienced administrator. 12-month course access allows leaders to use course materials as a convenient reference as needed to support the adjustment into your new role. This program is designed to help new and aspiring leaders to lead a successful surgery center.



Career Development for Experienced Nurses

Periop 303: Scenario-Based Perioperative Education for Experienced Staff

AORN's new Periop 303 is developed specifically for experienced perioperative nurses and staff. It builds on foundational knowledge to strengthen clinical judgment, using scenario-based learning drawn from situations your team encounters every day. Each module pairs expert tips and guided reflection with questions that ask your team to apply knowledge in real-world situations — reinforcing mastery in practice. Built on the AORN Guidelines, Periop 303 includes 26 learning modules and 14.75 contact hours. Use it to onboard and support competency development for experienced perioperative nurses, travelers, and staff

Knowledge Assessment

Designed to help identify clinical competency of nurses and travelers with 2+ years of experience. Assessment questions are grouped together based on clinical topics to provide focused guidance on identified areas for improvement. After completion, the results will identify clinical areas within the perioperative guidelines that should be a focus for ongoing learning.

Prep for CNOR®

Prepare with confidence using AORN's premier CNOR review course, designed to help perioperative nurses succeed on the certification exam. Built on the latest AORN *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*, a primary exam reference, this flexible, self-paced course fits easily into busy schedules while delivering comprehensive, exam-focused preparation.

Equip your nurses with the knowledge, confidence, and resources needed to achieve CNOR certification and advance their professional growth.



AORN Specialty Course Library

Unites essential AORN specialty courses under one simple, flexible system. Choose from 20+ courses when you need them most. Program administrators have 2 years to assign each seat to a course and a learner, allowing flexibility in your education plan and savings through volume pricing. Help upskill your workforce and cross train staff right when you need it.

Core Clinical Courses

Periop 202

Essential education for nurses new to specialty surgical procedures or those who want a refresher. These courses cover workflows for: Cardiac Catheterization and Electrophysiology (EP) Lab Procedures, Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting, ECMO Intraoperative Care, Gastrointestinal Procedures, Hand and Wrist Procedures, Lower Extremity Amputations, Ophthalmic Procedures, Orthopedic Spine Procedures, Orthopedic Trauma, Robotic Surgery, Total Hip Arthroplasty, Total Hip Arthroplasty, Total Knee Arthroplasty, Total Lower Extremity Amputations, Total Shoulder Arthroplasty Program, Urgent Abdominal General Surgery

Foundations for Sterile Processing

Designed for perioperative team members new to sterile processing concepts and the department (to include but not limited to Sterile Processing Technician, RN, Surgical Technologist, etc.). It covers the pre-cleaning, cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, and care of surgical instruments and devices, as well as perioperative safety and the prevention of transmissible infections.

Medical Laser Safety Essentials

Presents an overview of information for health care personnel who may be involved in laser procedures and provides a foundation for the creation of facility-specific laser policies and procedures.

Pediatric Courses

Care of the Pediatric Surgical Patient

Provides an overview of the pediatric anatomy, physiology, and development needs of the patient along with age-appropriate care to include perioperative assessment and care planning.

Care of the Sensory-Sensitive Pediatric Patient

Teaches strategies to minimize sensory overload and support communication, and inclusive approaches for neurodivergent patients.

ASC Academy Courses

Infection Prevention Online

Helping you meet regulatory requirements for infection control in the ASC, this interactive course helps you to meet the CMS requirements for infection control and includes guidance on the initiation and administration of an Infection Control Program, downloadable tools and templates for immediate implementation, and more.

Safe Administration of Moderate Sedation

This interactive, scenario-based course provides the training necessary to safely administer and monitor the patient receiving moderate sedation in an environment in which an anesthesia provider may not be available or may not be required. The program offers 3 scenarios to choose from: ASC, GI Lab, and main OR.

Prep for Infection Prevention Certification Online**

This self-paced, online course helps perioperative nurses prepare for the certification exam for ambulatory surgery infection preventionists (CAIP™). This program has been reviewed by the Board of Ambulatory Surgery Certification (BASC), and the material presented includes content from each of the five categories included on the CAIP exam and ASC-specific responsibilities.

Expanding Service Lines

Master the art of service line expansions in surgery centers through expert insights and practical strategies. Learn how to minimize risks and maximize returns through a comprehensive framework that will help you achieve your goals for ASC growth.

ASC Academy Leadership Guides

Featuring comprehensive training and customizable implementation tools and templates, these guides are the ambulatory administrator's go-to resources for navigating quality, regulatory, and safety requirements and applying them to daily surgical practice.

The following are now available: **A Guide to Quality and Risk Management, A Guide to Credentialing, Privileging & Peer Review, A Guide to Operational Management, and A Guide to Emergency Drills.**

Learn more at: aorn.us/leadershipguides



AORN Events

Global Surgical Conference & Expo

Grow and inspire team members at this prestigious event. Grant them the opportunity to learn the latest nursing practices and innovations at this continuing education conference and surgical tradeshow. This commitment and investment in your team and in improving patient outcomes will differentiate your facility in retaining and attracting perioperative professionals.

AORN Expo offers the most effective, efficient four days of education available. De-signed by perioperative professionals, for perioperative professionals. This event is curated to empower, advance, and reignite passion for the profession. **Learn more at: aorn.org/surgicalexpo**

Leadership Summit at Global Surgical Conference & Expo

Learning never stops. Leaders – seasoned and developing – can focus on the management and business side of perioperative nursing with renowned speakers, while enjoying exclusive peer group networking. Leadership Summit attendees also receive full access to all activities at the main conference.

Learn more at: aorn.org/leadershipsummit

Additional Live Events

Supported by the AORN Foundation, AORN Center for Perioperative Leadership and Pfiedler Education, AORN offers virtual live and in-person education events year-round for ambulatory and hospital staff, educators, and leaders. **Learn more at: aorn.org/events**



Across the AORN Enterprise

Pfiedler Education

With a catalog that includes programs for the outpatient and hospital settings, Pfiedler Education offers complimentary access to accredited, online education for the whole surgical team.

Learn more at: aorn.org/pfiedler-edu

AORN Syntegrity™

AORN Syntegrity Solution provides standardized, evidence-based perioperative EHR content that delivers clean, interoperable data for the OR. With a comprehensive Procedure Library mapped to CPT®, ICD-10-PCS, and SNOMED CT®, it reduces customization, improves efficiency, supports quality and AI initiatives, and protects your most financially critical service line with documentation you can trust.

Its clinical content is aligned with regulatory requirements, accreditation bodies, and leading standards organizations – including AORN and 30+ nationally recognized institutions. The AORN Syntegrity Solution reduces local customization, offloads content research and maintenance, and reduces documentation burden while preserving analyst flexibility and EHR integrity.

Learn more at: aorn.org/syntegrity



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SAFE SURGERY TOGETHER

SUPPORT SAFE SURGERY AND IMPROVE STAFF RETENTION

Provide standardized, evidence-based education on safe perioperative practices, as well as resources to support your team's professional development.

PARTNER WITH AORN TO SUPPORT HIGH-PERFORMING PERIOPERATIVE TEAMS

To inquire about customized education packages or group purchasing discounts, contact periopsolutions@aorn.org.

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