

Cassandra Munro, PhD, BS, RN, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN



SECRETARY (ONE TO BE ELECTED)

Cassandra Munro, PhD, BS, RN, CNOR, FAORN, FAAN, is an academic faculty member at Stanford University and researcher at Stanford Health Care, Palo Alto, California. She earned an AD in allied health for nursing from Quinnipiac College, Hamden, Connecticut; a BS in business and management from the University of Redlands, Redlands, California; a MS in nursing education from Mount Saint Mary's College, Los Angeles, California; and a PhD in nursing from Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California.

Munro has been a perioperative nurse for 30 years and a member of AORN for 30 years. She is a member of

- AORN of San Francisco Bay Area (2022-present)
- the Nurse Scientist Specialty Assembly (2024-present)
- the RNFA Specialty Assembly (2016-present)

She has been a member of

- AORN of Los Angeles (2016-2022)
- the Clinical Nurse Educator Specialty Assembly (2016-2018)

Munro has attended AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 10 times in the past 10 years, twice as a delegate.

Munro has received

- an AORN Award for Excellence (2023)
- an American Academy of Nursing Fellowship (2023)
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Highlights of Munro's service to AORN include that she is

- AORN liaison to the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (2020-present)
- chair of the AORN National Research Committee (2024-present)
- president of AORN of San Francisco Bay Area (2025-present)
- a member of the AORN of San Francisco Bay Area Board of Directors (2024-present)
- a peer reviewer for the *AORN Journal* (2021-present)
- a member of the Award for Excellence Selection Panel (2025-present)
- a member of the AORN National Research Committee (2021-present)

She has been

- a contributor to the Pressure Injury Prevention Toolkit Task Force (2016, 2019)

In other leadership roles, Munro is

- a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Nursing Measurement* (2021-present)
- guest editor of the *Clinics in Perioperative Nursing Care: Pressure Injury Prevention Across the Perioperative Continuum* (2025-present)

She has been

- a member of the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel Board of Directors (2021-2024)
- chair of the Collaborating Organization Council, National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (2021-2024)

In her community, Munro is

- a member of the Harley Owners Group - Oakland CA Chapter (2021-present)
- a member of The Rock Church - Book Writing Task Force (2025-present)
- a member of and event hostess for The Blackhawk Women's Group (2022-present)
- a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (2018-present)

She has been

- a member of the Vineyard Terrace Homeowner's Association Board (2022-2023)

ELECTION STATEMENT

In the ever-evolving landscape of perioperative nursing, I concur with President Murdock that we need to “Light the Pathway” for current and future generations. Just as in a relay race, where the successful transfer of the baton is vital for victory, I recognize that the seamless exchange of knowledge and best practices is essential for advancing our profession.

Building on my experience as a global collaborator, as your Secretary I will ensure knowledge is clearly communicated, preserved across generations, and expanded to empower future leaders while advancing excellence in perioperative practice.

Throughout my years as a perioperative nurse, leader, and educator, I have integrated AORN guidelines into practice. As a nurse scientist, I generate scientific evidence while collaborating with perioperative nurses to ensure practice alignment with evidence and have a meaningful impact on patient outcomes.

As a board-experienced perioperative practice expert, I place member advocacy and effective communication at the forefront of my efforts. I recognize that members are the backbone of AORN. I promise to listen to your needs and aspirations to enhance your experience within our association. In a world that often prioritizes individual achievement, I believe we must embrace our collective role in promoting the highest professional standards of perioperative nursing practice and highlighting AORN's resources.

As Secretary, I will communicate Board initiatives with clarity, amplify our voices, and foster a culture of collaboration and continuity—ensuring that knowledge is transferred across generations, our legacy is preserved, and future leaders are empowered to innovate and excel.