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1. Emerging Trends in Perioperative Nursing

The most significant trends affecting perioperative nursing include the rapid growth of artificial intelligence (AI), the expansion of unregulated care roles through AI, and public narratives that risk weakening recognition of nursing as a profession. These changes can reshape how we practice and how our work is valued. As a leader, I would help AORN respond through clear position statements, strong policy advocacy, and education that supports members in understanding new technology while protecting their scope of practice. Artificial intelligence can improve efficiency and safety, but it cannot replace clinical judgment or the human connection that defines nursing. AORN must stay ahead of these trends and guide members with accurate information, practice tools, and research so nurses feel prepared, supported, and confident in their essential role.

2. Collaboration Example

A key example of collaboration occurred when I helped introduce a complex reconstructive surgery program for our health system. This effort required close coordination among nursing, surgical technologists, sterile processing, anesthesia, inpatient units, and support services. To keep everyone aligned, I used structured project planning, regular communication, and shared digital tools for updates and education. We completed simulations, walk throughs, and validation sessions to ensure safe practice and smooth teamwork. By creating an environment where every group felt informed and valued, we achieved a successful launch and completed three procedures in our first month. This experience reinforced my belief that clear communication and respect for each discipline create strong and effective teams.

3. Inspiration for Running

I was inspired to run for this role because AORN has given me a deeper sense of community and purpose. Although I had been a member for years, my involvement grew after attending a chapter meeting where I saw the impact nurses can make together. Contributing to projects at the local and national level strengthened my commitment to the advancement of perioperative nursing. I am grateful for the mentors who guided my development, and I feel called to support the next generation in the same way. Serving in this role aligns with my passion for education, professional growth, and safe patient care. I believe I can contribute to the continued strength and future direction of our specialty.