

J.D. Buchert, MSN, MEd, MS, RN, CNOR



VICE PRESIDENT (ONE TO BE ELECTED)

J.D. Buchert, MSN, MEd, MS, RN, CNOR, is a director of Workforce Safety at Parkland Health (FKA Parkland Health and Hospital System), Dallas, Texas. He earned a BSN from West Coast University, Dallas, Texas; an MSN - family nurse practitioner from South University, Savannah, Georgia; an MSN in health care quality and safety from Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester; an MS in movement and exercise science from the University of California-Los Angeles; and an MEd in adult education from the University of Texas-Arlington. He is pursuing a DNP in health care executive leadership at West Coast University.

Buchert has been a perioperative nurse for 35 years and a member of AORN for 11 years. He is a member of

- Dallas AORN (2016-present)
- the Texas Collaboration of periOperative Registered Nurses (TCORN; 2018-present)
- the Nurse Scientist Specialty Assembly (2023-present)
- the Leadership Specialty Assembly (2023-present)

- the Ambulatory Surgery Specialty Assembly (2025-present)

Buchert has attended AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo 10 times in the past 10 years, each time as a delegate.

Buchert has received

- AORN Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Nursing Research Practice Award (2023)
- *D Magazine* Nursing Excellence Award - Research (2023)
- Parkland Hospital System Employee of the Year Award (2023)
- Parkland Hospital Mentor of the Year Award (2020)
- Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Great 100 Nurses Award (2019)

Highlights of Buchert's service to AORN include that he is

- a member of the AORN Board of Directors (2024-present)
- Board liaison to the AORN National Committee on Education (2024-present)

- Board liaison to the AORN Chapter Task Force (2025-present)
- Board liaison to the AORN Ambulatory Specialty Assembly (2025-present)
- a peer reviewer for the *AORN Journal* (2024-present)
- president of TCORN (2023-present)
- a member of the Dallas AORN Education & Leadership Committee (2016-present)

He has been

- chair of the AORN Global Relations Committee (2022-2024)
- president of Dallas AORN (2019-2020, 2022-2024)

In other leadership roles, Buchert is

- a member of the American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) National Committee on Education (2024-present)
- a member of the Texas Nursing Legislation Action Coalition Committee (2022-present)

- a member of the Association of Nurse Leaders - National Legislation Coalition Committee (2024-present)
- a medical volunteer leader for the Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps (2016-present)

He has been

- a member of the DFW Great 100 Nurses Organization Board of Directors (2020-2022)

In his community, Buchert is

- a member of the AIDS Services of Dallas Advisory Board of Directors (2016-present)
- a member of the DNP Student Advisory Council, West Coast University (2025-present)
- a member of the United Court of the Lone Star Empire, Past-President & Present Advisory Board (2016-present)
- a volunteer for the American Cancer Society (2016-present)
- a volunteer for the March of Dimes (2016-present)

ELECTION STATEMENT

In my over 30 years in health care, I have always considered myself an OR nurse first. As I have continued my journey into leadership I maintain a keen focus on the voice of the perioperative nurse at the bedside. As a health care leader, I never want to lose that focus and that is why I took a PRN position in an orthopedic ambulatory surgical center on weekends to maintain my bedside knowledge and keep a sense of best practice in the OR setting.

AORN was founded on the principles of sharing best practices for patients undergoing surgery, and since 1949 we have grown our organization to be the leader for safe patient surgery. It takes partnerships with health care organization and industry partners, but we are a member organization, and our members must have their voices heard in the Boardroom.

I bring to the table a wealth of knowledge for nonprofit organizations as I have founded two from the ground up that have gone on to be successful community magnets for patients in need. I have owned multi-million-dollar businesses and sat on three boards of directors. Two were focused on patient/community needs, while the third focused purely on raising money for nonprofit organizations. I held back on accepting a nomination to sit on the AORN Board until I could commit fully to the process and have relished in the opportunity to sit on this Board. As a Board member, I have learned how important collaborating on the strategic vision of our organization is, and how our financial sustainability can impact safe surgery practice on a global scale. As my journey has taken me from a combat medic to Army nurse, then into the civilian

world scrubbing and circulating in the OR before moving into the perioperative quality and safety leadership role, I have garnered the knowledge and ability to translate my experience from the frontline to the AORN Boardroom.

Health care is facing overwhelming obstacles that challenge each of us and have a profound impact on our daily work lives. With workforce shortage and retention, burnout and emotional well-being, financial and budgetary constraints, workplace safety and violence, and integration of technology and innovation we must focus at the task at hand, and AORN has taken these task head on.

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve our members as your next Vice President.