AORN defines the evidence-based standards for perioperative nursing that help keep healthcare workers and surgical patients safe while also providing education and resources to support high-quality care.

AORN Inc. includes a family of organizations dedicated to supporting nurses and surgical teams in providing evidence-based, quality care.
Outpatient Surgery Magazine

Outpatient Surgery Magazine connects the ambulatory surgery community and offers OR leaders a place to exchange ideas, learn about emerging trends and discover in-the-field solutions to daily challenges by providing the knowledge and tools to deliver high-quality care in the outpatient environment and keep healthcare workers and surgical patients safe.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The publication’s print and digital audience grew to **106,000**

- **25,000** audited print subscribers with readers in **98.6%** of all Medicare outpatient facilities.

More than **200** cover articles addressed the critical issues of the year, including cybersecurity, violence against healthcare workers, post-COVID, workforce challenges, and the conviction of a nurse for medication errors.

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AORN Foundation

AORN Foundation creates lifelong learning opportunities for perioperative nurses to support the future of the profession and the patients they care for every day. The mission of the AORN Foundation is to empower perioperative nurses in advancing patient and workplace safety through education and research.

1,965 professional development grants were awarded to perioperative registered nurses.

The BARBA EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP Award was established to support educational advancement for nurses of color.

More than $2.3 MILLION dollars was raised in support of education programs.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS
AORN Syntegrity

AORN Syntegrity provides evidence-based solutions that can integrate all existing electronic health record systems to enable facilities to document perioperative workflows, improve surgical scheduling, and increase visibility of the impacts of perioperative nursing more accurately.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Enhanced surgical scheduling workflows by validating 14023 CPT® MAPPINGS to 2961 AORN Syntegrity Primary Procedures

2248 regulatory, accreditation and standards/practice statements were cross walked to the AORN Syntegrity Documentation to demonstrate the “why” for documentation

Provided 3 FREE WEBINARS and one eBook provided to AORN members in 2022 through funding from AORN Syntegrity
Pfiedler Education supports physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals by providing an array of web-based learning, online programs, single and multi-day events and seminars, and study guides to meet their continuing medical education needs. The educational content, developed by physician and nurse experts, is accredited and customized according to specialty, discipline, and the most effective format for its presentation.

**2022 HIGHLIGHTS**

Awarded accredited continuing education to more than **300,000** nurses and allied health professionals

The hottest topics, based on attendance, were Sharps Safety (11,992 attendees), Sterile Processing & the OR: Improving Connections for Better Outcomes (9,617 attendees), Proper Handling Techniques for Sterilization Wrap and Wrapped OR Trays (9,232 attendees)

Presented virtual and face-to-face events to more than **12,000** attendees

There were **14** focus groups, 4 national surveys, and 4 consultations provided to industry partners

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In 2022, AORN supported the practice of more than 220,000 perioperative registered nurses who work in every surgical specialty in the ambulatory and acute care settings. These perioperative nurses rely on AORN's evidence-based education resources, including Guidelines for Perioperative Practice, to provide care during an estimated 10 million\(^1\) surgical procedures. (AHRQ)

Our clinical and administrative staff continued to serve on the committees and boards of approximately 30 professional associations to protect and improve safe perioperative practices. AORN collaborated with dozens of professional and regulatory organizations, industry leaders, and other health care partners to achieve the greatest possible impact on healthcare worker and patient safety.
AMBULATORY SURGERY

AORN increased the number of education resources that are specific to ambulatory and outpatient settings.

- ASC Academy: Leadership Development
- Ambulatory Online Education
- Prep for Infection Prevention Certification

NURSING PRACTICE

Eight updated guidelines presented new research and practices for evidence-based care in the 2022 edition of *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* and 42 education events were presented live and online in webinars, in-person workshops, and through the Center for Nursing Leadership.

NURSING EDUCATION

Updated in 2022 to reflect the latest clinical standards and recommendations, including the reflection of a culturally diverse workforce and patient population, are 11 perioperative education videos and two new Periop 202 specialty courses for Endoscopy and Cardiovascular Procedures for ambulatory and acute care settings.
Membership

AORN members recognize the continued safe care of their surgical patients depends on their ability to stay current with evidence-based practice recommendations.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Amid the greatest one-year membership increase in AORN history, AORN expanded value to include:

- Complimentary access to our PREP FOR CNOR® Online Course
- Complimentary COVID-19 PERIOPERATIVE PLAYBOOK

IMPROVED EFFICIENCY and accessibility to attaining CNE through AORN Journal accredited articles

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AORN Journal

Peer-reviewed, award-winning, and evidence-based, AORN Journal provides members with more than 200 complimentary contact hours in articles featuring clinical best practices.

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Initiatives and Advocacy

Surgical Smoke Safety – AORN's Government Affairs department collaborates with state nursing associations and perioperative registered nurses to advocate for states to enact smoke evacuation facility policies. In 2022, Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, New York, and Washington joined the list of states that have enacted smoke evacuation laws.

Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety: Prevention of Retained Surgical Items – This evidence-based education program raises awareness of factors that lead to RSIs by using scenario-based immersive technology to improve skills, and helps teams mitigate risks and improve outcomes. Introduced in 2022, 12 facilities have already achieved recognition for their commitment to surgical safety in the prevention of RSIs and more than 1500 facilities have begun the application process.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – AORN continued to deliver on our commitment to improve awareness of issues related to DEI with a focus on our hiring practices, board leadership, and among the national workforce of perioperative nurses.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLISHED

the Position Statement on Health Care Inequity and Racial Justice and the white paper, Health Disparities Experienced by Surgical Patients of Color: What is Known and Key Actions to Take

PRODUCED

two webinars: Getting to Know Your LGBTQ+ Patient and Why Did You Become a Perioperative Nurse (interviews with nurses of color)

Partnered with AANA AND ASPAN
to issue a Position Statement on Workplace Civility

Membership diversity grew to 29.6% of members and 24% of the national election ballot are nurses of color