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Who We Are

Georgia Council of periOperative Registered Nurses is the collective voice of Georgia Chapters of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). Our mission is to advocate for excellence in perioperative practice and healthcare in Georgia as we unite and empower perioperative nurses.

Event Schedule

Friday, October 21, 2022

- 2:00 pm Registration
- 3:00 pm Exhibit Hall Set-up
- 6:00-8:30 pm Exhibit Hall
Welcome Reception
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The following presentations will be presented inside the exhibit hall:

- 7:00-7:30 pm Leadership and You
presented by AORN
NC Chair
- 7:30-8:00 pm Journey to Self-
Publishing of
Children's Books

Saturday, October 22, 2022

- 7:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 8:10-9:10 am Morning Keynote: A Mind-Body
Medicine Approach to Self-Care
- 9:10-9:30 am Network with Vendors
- 9:30-10:15 am From the State House to a Town
Near You: Surgical Smoke
Implementation Plan to Effect
Practice Change
- 10:15-11:15 am Basics of a Robotics Service: What
Would Wall-E Do?
- 11:15-12:45 pm Lunch with Vendors
*sponsored by **stryker***
- 12:45-1:30 pm Journey Back to the Bedside and
the Leadership Lessons Learned
- 1:30-2:15 pm Creating a Periop 202 Course &
Orientation Program for Open-
Heart Procedures to Increase CVOR
Nurse Recruitment and Retention
- 2:15-2:30 pm Break
- 2:30-3:15 pm Closing Keynote by AORN President
- 3:15-3:30 pm Closing Remarks
- 3:30-4:30 pm Georgia Council Business Meeting



Education

Friday, October 21

A Journey to Self Publishing: Back to Basics Children's Books

Erica Basora, RN, MSN, NPD-BC, CNOR



The pandemic gave us many lessons. The lesson to thrive, to be resilient, to remember what is important in life, and a reminder to share the importance of the basic skills our profession uses daily. During the pandemic, many pursued their dreams. As a perioperative nurse, Erica used her knowledge to promote health literacy in children's books. In this session, the speaker will discuss her journey to self-publishing, "Back to Basics" children's books during the pandemic. Her handwashing book, "Little Miss Wash Your Hands," was one of her first children's books written in hopes to teach children how to stop the spread of germs during COVID.

Saturday, October 22

A Mind-Body Medicine Approach to Self-Care

Margaret Below, PHD, RN, NE-BC, Director, TAPAS Enterprises LLC



The presentation will be an experiential learning session focused on self-care practices grounded in mind-body medicine techniques. Attendees will learn the benefits of the following:

- Breath Work as a Healing Tool
- Paced Breathing
- Guided Imagery

• Mind-Body Medicine and Making the Connection to Self-Care

• Positive Psychology and Transformative Phenomenology

From the State House to a Town Near You: Surgical Smoke Implementation Plan to Effect Practice Change

Brenda Ulmer, MN, RN, CNOR, FAORN, Perioperative Nurse Educator



Your state has taken the bold step to seek legislation to effect practice change related to surgical smoke evacuation. What are the next steps to assure success? A smoke evacuation program requires the commitment of the entire healthcare team for the optimal implementation of practices to protect the staff from the potentially harmful effects of surgical smoke. The entire team is responsible and accountable for smoke removal and includes the anesthesia providers, perioperative staff, surgeons, and administration. The education of the perioperative team regarding the hazards of surgical smoke is the primary gauge in the successful

execution of practice transformation. The involvement of the entire team is crucial to effective implementation. The healthcare team should be involved in the decision to purchase evacuation equipment, supplies, and the process of practices for the different service surgical procedures. A smooth transition to routine smoke evacuation practice change can be accomplished with a total team approach.

Basics of a Robotics Service: What Would WALL-E Do?

Ankit Patel, MD, Chief of Surgery, Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital and Director, Robotic Surgical Education, Emory General Surgery Residency



Intelligent robots have been a source of human fascination for decades, often depicted as servants and saviors of man. From the 1970s with Star Wars and Star Trek, they helped "Earth Creatures" boldly go where no man has been before." One of the most endearing robots—Wall-E— even made it possible for us to return to an earth we had destroyed. Since surgical robots were introduced to practitioners in the early 1990s, the fascination has transformed into acceptance of the advantages of employing robots to perform complex surgical procedures with improved patient outcomes. Once solely found in large, well-funded medical centers, robots are now in use around the world in surgical facilities of all types. The need, however, for setting up a solid program, founded on research and guidelines remains a key component of a successful robotics program. So, what would WALL-E do to help us make sure every patient receives world-class care for every procedure every time? This program will explore the basics of service excellence and offer expert advice to avoid robotic pitfalls.

Journey Back to The Bedside and the Leadership Lessons Learned

Jessica Gruendler, DNP, MSN, RN-BC (Informatics), CPHQ, CNOR



Nurses advance into leadership positions for many reasons; the physical demand of being a direct caregiver, autonomy, job security and a desire to implement change on a larger scale. Jessica transitioned away from direct care nursing in 2002 and at the end of 2021, returned to patient care. This journey back to the bedside has provided her insight into staff satisfaction which she will share to share with this audience.

Creating a Periop 202 Course and Orientation Program for Open-Heart Procedures to Increase Cardiovascular OR Nurse Recruitment and Retention

David Reinhart, DNP, MBA, RN, CNOR, Director of Professional Development for Procedural Residency, Emory Healthcare



As the global population ages, hospital administrators will need to employ a sufficient number of OR nurses to meet the demands of increasing surgical volumes. However, ORs can be intimidating working environments and undergraduate nursing programs lack formal didactic courses in perioperative nursing, leaving little to entice newly graduated nurses to the perioperative specialty. It is important for nurse leaders to employ interventions for recruiting and retaining OR nurses, particularly in specialty service lines, including cardiovascular surgery. A Periop 202 course for open-heart procedures was developed and woven into a cardiovascular OR (CVOR) orientation program for newly graduated nurses and experienced nurses who were new to the CVOR. The program aimed to increase new CVOR nurses' competencies and knowledge of protocols and guidelines for open-heart procedures and their self-efficacy to function on the CVOR team. Knowledge questionnaires and learning scale results showed increased post-intervention knowledge and self-efficacy among program participants.

Closing Keynote: Overcoming Challenges Through Leadership

Vangie Dennis MSN, RN, CNOR, CMLSO, President-Elect to the AORN National Board of Directors



An effective leader can be accomplished through desire and willpower. Good leaders develop through a never-ending process of self-study, education, training, and experience (Jago, 1982). To inspire workers into higher levels of teamwork, there are certain things you must be, know, and do, and are acquired through continual work and study. Good leaders are continually working and studying to improve their leadership skills. Leadership is defined as a process by which a person influences others to accomplish an objective and directs the organization in a way that makes it more cohesive and coherent. Leadership is organizing a group of people to achieve a common goal and the leader may or may not have any formal authority. Studies of leadership have produced theories involving traits, situational interaction, function, behavior, power, vision and values, charisma, and intelligence. A leader is somebody whom people follow: somebody who guides or directs others.

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- Includes access to on-demand online education for the event.

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Scholarships

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