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PRE-SHOW PLANNER

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Who We Are

Georgia Council of periOperative Registered Nurses is the collective voice of the 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, SEPTEMBER 29

- 2:00 PM** Registration
- 3:00 PM** Exhibit Hall Set-up
- 6:00-8:30 PM** Exhibit Hall
Welcome Reception
sponsored by **stryker**

Education offered inside the Exhibit Hall:

- 6:30-7:00 PM** *The Impact of Retained Surgical Sharps and Near Misses on Patient Safety*
- 7:15-7:45 PM** *Leveraging AI to Promote Your Perioperative Organization and Engage Members: The Art of Nursing*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:00 AM** Registration
- 8:00 AM** Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 8:15-9:00 AM** Morning Keynote:
I'm Not Limping. That's Swagger!
- 9:15-9:45 AM** *The Art of Fighting Complacency*
- 9:45-10:15 AM** Network with Vendor Partners
- 10:15-11:00 AM** *Leading With Empathy*
- 11:00-12:45 PM** Lunch with Vendor Partners & Door Prize Raffle
sponsored by **stryker**
- 1:00-1:45 PM** *Navigating our Narratives*
- 2:00-2:45 PM** *The Changing World of Perioperative Nursing and Mastering the Art of Grit*
- 2:45-3:00 PM** Refreshment Break
- 3:00-4:00 PM** Afternoon Keynote: *Shining the Light on Meaningful Recognition Through the Lens of Authentic Leadership*
- 4:00-4:15 PM** Closing Remarks
- 4:30-5:30 PM** Georgia Council Business Meeting



Education

Friday, September 29
6:30-7:00 PM

The Impact of Retained Surgical Sharps and Near Misses on Patient Safety



Ivy Montgomery, CMO, Melzi

Retained surgical items continue to be in the top three reported sentinel events, according to the Joint Commission. However, reporting sentinel events to an accrediting organization such as The Joint Commission is voluntary. In fact, Joint Commission reported that less than an estimated 2% of all sentinel events have been reported. A “near-miss” is an unplanned event that does not result in patient injury; thus, reporting is rare. A nationwide survey with surgeons, surgical nurses/technicians, and anesthesiologists took place in 2020 to understand the frequency and impacts of retained surgical sharps and near-miss “sharps” (NMS). Perioperative staff must know the real data on retained surgical sharps to develop the appropriate patient safety protocol to reduce retained surgical sharps events and minimize the time and resources required for searching.

7:15-7:45 PM

Leveraging AI to Promote Your Perioperative Organization and Engage Members: The Art of Nursing



Erica Basora, MSN, RN, NPJ-BC, CNOR, Author and Owner of That's Love Publishing

The art of nursing involves the use of knowledge, skills and compassion to provide holistic care to patients. In today's digital age, nurses and healthcare organizations can harness the power of artificial intelligence (AI) to promote their mission and increase engagement. This presentation aims to explore how nurses and healthcare organizations can use AI to promote their organizations and increase member engagement. The presentation will provide an overview of the benefits and challenges of using AI and will highlight best practices for integrating AI into communication strategies. The presentation will also discuss the potential ethical and legal implications of AI use in healthcare. Attendees will leave with a greater understanding of how AI can be leveraged to promote their organization and increase member engagement while preserving the art of nursing. The presentation will conclude with a discussion on the future of AI and the potential opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Saturday, September 30
8:15-9:00 AM

I'm Not Limping. That's Swagger!



Kelsey Tainsh, Professional Speaker, Kelsey Tainsh LLC

A two-time pediatric brain tumor and stroke survivor, the story of Kelsey's journey back and her relationship with her nurses along the way, is both remarkable and inspiring. Kelsey gives an amazing patient account while offering a unique and actionable message on gratitude and perspective. Her story is a nice reminder of what a difference nurses make in the lives of patients. Armed with her quirky sense of humor, engaging stories and relevant message, attendees will walk away with a resilient new mindset and a fresh appreciation for the gift of work, accomplishment and relationships we share.

9:15-9:45 AM

The Art of Fighting Complacency



Emma Greene, BSN, RN, CNOR, Tri-campus OR Residency Nurse Clinician, Northside Hospital

This presentation will take a look at what complacency is and how to fight complacency from a performer's perspective.

10:15-11:00 AM

Leading with Empathy



Holly Irvine, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, NPJ-BC, CNOR, System Learning & Development Specialist RN, Wellstar Health System

In this presentation, participants will discover their empathy score and what they can do to increase their empathy when leading others.

1:00-1:45 PM

Navigating Our Narratives



Keisha-Marie Clarke, Department Coordinator, Northside Hospital

This presentation discusses the impediments that can come with navigating difficult communication. As an outcome attendees will be more aware of their role in creating poor dialogue and learn skills to interpret that cycle.

2:00-2:45 PM

The Changing World of Perioperative Nursing and Mastering the Art of Grit



Brenda C. Ulmer, RN, MN, CNOR, FAORN, Perioperative Clinical Educator

The world of perioperative nursing continues to grow and change. Operating room nursing of 100 years ago was different than today. The emergence of AORN nationally and in Georgia has contributed to positive change. This program looks at where we started and the growth of AORN and professional perioperative nursing practice. It will explore the development of hospitals in our state and how the art of “grit” assists in dealing with positive change.

3:00-4:00 PM

Shining the Light on Meaningful Recognition Through the Lens of Authentic Leadership



Stuart Downs, Nursing Administrator, Northside Hospital Gwinnett

This session will explore the paradigm of recognizing team members in a meaningful way through the lens of authentic leadership and will provide evidence of how authentic recognition in a meaningful way is immediately apparent to all, and matters almost just as much as the reward itself. An on-the-spot example will illuminate the power of meaningful recognition. Everyone has inherent value and worth, and everyone wants to be recognized in a meaningful way. When people feel that from their leader, the team becomes unstoppable.



Location

ATLANTA EVERGREEN LAKESIDE RESORT

4021 Lakeview Drive
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Group Rate: \$189/night

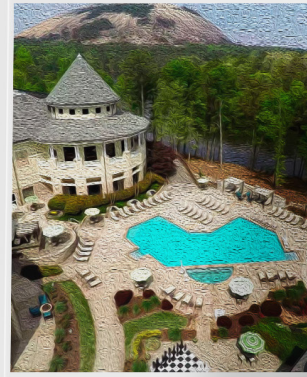
Group Name: Georgia Council Conference

Deadline: August 30, 2023

(room block may sell out prior to deadline)

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STUDENT

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OTHER

- **Registration Fee after (8/15/23):**

\$100

- **Onsite Registration Fee**

\$125

Scholarships

The Georgia Council of periOperative Registered Nurses is offering a limited number of scholarships to attend their annual conference September 29-30 **FREE OF CHARGE.**

If your organization will not cover the cost of conference registration and you are facing financial hardship, complete the application by following the link below to be considered for one of several scholarships provided by our sponsors. The scholarship does not include hotel stay.

Visit gacouncilnurse.org/scholarships to apply.

