

SUTURE LINE

of the
**Association of periOperative
Registered Nurses of Greater
Washington, DC Chapter**

June 2011 Special Election Report!



AORN Mission Statement:

To promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures by providing practice support and professional development opportunities to Perioperative nurses. AORN will collaborate with professional and regulatory organizations, industry leaders, and other health care partners who support the mission.





June2011 President's Message

Dear Perioperative Colleagues and AORN Members:

Summertime, summertime.... Yep, hot weather is here and the chapter business is actually heating up, too! We had a successful election for the chapter and the results are posted in this newsletter. A big "thank you" to all that ran for office. Even if not elected, there are still numerous ways to serve the chapter and AORN through volunteering for Vendor Night and working on committees. Get involved and give back. You will be glad you did!

The Board met last week and are finalizing the By-Law revisions to bring to the membership. You should see them soon in your email and at ORNurseLink.org.

The Board also authorized a donation to the Wounded Warriors via the Fallen Heroes Fund for a portion of our scarf sales from the last several years, in the amount of \$5000.

We are also getting volunteers to head up and fill up the various committees to run the chapter's business. Please feel free to contact me via email at nealnurse@comcast.net or by phone at 240-485-7584 to ask for further info on how you can help.

Remember, Vendor Night is coming up October 28th and a lot of planning and work needs to happen to make it a success. Vendor Night is the chapter's major, and sometimes only, fund raiser for the year so it needs to be well attended by both vendors and dinner participants. You will be receiving flyers soon to help you spread the word.

The Suture Line will take a break for the summer and be back in operation in early September to provide you with all the news you want and the knowledge you need. Changes are coming to the newsletter!! Stay alert and make sure your inbox is set to receive admin@ornurselink.org.

Have a great summer and see you all in September!

Lee Hudson
President
Greater Washington DC AORN



AORN of Washington DC 2011-2012 Chapter Elections Results

Office:

President Elect -- **Gwen Dobbins**

Secretary - **Lorraine Huber**

Board of Directors - **Pauline Clarke, Linda Sloan**

Nominating Committee (Leadership Development):

Beverly Byam-Hercules

Beverly Calloway

Julia Furman

Tamara Rosov

Mary Pat Shields

Thanks so much to all who were nominating and agreed to run and all who voted. We look forward to great things next year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're Invited to OR Manager's Next Webinar:

Sterilization & Disinfection: Understanding the Current Issues

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Time: 2 pm to 3 pm ET Continuing Education Credit: 1 Contact Hour

Cost: \$149

[Click here to register](#)

Please join us for our next webinar, **Sterilization & Disinfection: Understanding the Current Issues**. This webinar will identify the sterilization and disinfection issues that are the focus of attention by accrediting agencies such as the Joint Commission.

Instrument processing is finally getting the attention it deserves; appropriate instrument processing contributes to patient safety and prevention of surgical site infection. But, a facility may be at risk if the most current and appropriate sterilization disinfection practices are not being followed.

During this webinar, you will hear the latest trends and information related to instrument processing. You will be able to identify practices in your facility that may need to be revisited.

Invite your SPD personnel to join you and listen to this outstanding expert in the field of sterile processing and infection control. This webinar will provide an excellent opportunity for OR and SPD personnel to learn together.

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Objectives:

1. Discuss the reason and impact of the current intense focus on sterilization and disinfection.
2. Identify issues in sterilization and disinfection that accrediting agencies are targeting.
3. Explore opportunities for improvement of sterilization and disinfection practices

Presenter Bio:

Cynthia Spry is an independent clinical consultant with thirty years of perioperative nursing experience. She retired from Advanced Sterilization Products, a Johnson & Johnson Company, where she was an international clinical consultant focusing on sterilization and disinfection. She is a past national president of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) and has received both the Award for Excellence and the Jerry G. Peers Distinguished Service Award. Cynthia is the co-chair of the AAMI committee responsible for ST 79 *Comprehensive guide to steam sterilization and sterility assurance*. She has published and lectured extensively both in the US and abroad on sterilization, disinfection, and related infection control. Cynthia holds

both CNOR (Certified Nurse Operating Room) and CSIT certifications (Surgical Instrument Processor).

[Click here to register](#)

Registration confirmation. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration. Your registration includes one set of handouts (you may make copies for other participants), one toll-free connection to the webinar, and one Internet connection to the seminar. Please call our customer service with any questions: 888-707-5814.

Continuing Education Credit

Participants earn 1.0 Contact Hour for each webinar.

Handouts

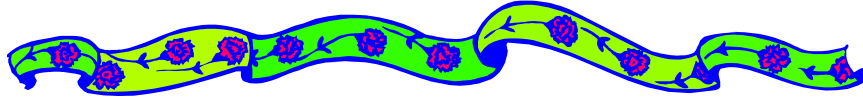
Handouts for this webinar are available online 24 hours before the webinar. Go to the reminder notice and look under Course Materials (it is near the bottom of the page). You will be able to print out the handouts.

Learn more about OR Manager and how its resources can benefit you by viewing this [brief movie](#).

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