



## CHAPTER 4409 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

August 2019

Welcome San Antonio Chapter 4409 to the 2019-2020 year. This year we have selected and voted in a talented group of individuals who will serve and continue to carry the mission and vision for the chapter forward.

Welcome!!!

Andrea Pruitt BSN, RN, CNOR (President)  
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Aileen Palomero, MSN, RN, CNOR (Board Member)

Over the summer, your officers and board members have had meetings to continue our commitment to serving San Antonio with the best AORN has to offer.

Our meetings are held at the Baptist School of Health Professions, located at 8400 Datapoint Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229 every SECOND Monday of each month, unless noted otherwise. The Officers and Board meet at 5pm and general meeting begins at 6pm.

This commitment to serve San Antonio is not by happenstance. I would like to fully recognize our historians who have served and kept this chapter alive through robust membership involvement as well as lean membership involvement. Thank-you for your hard work and willingness to serve.

This year our goals surround continuing not only growth of our membership but involvement from our membership. AORN San Antonio has ample opportunities for learning and growth at the organizational level.

These opportunities are being committee members or chairing a committee of interest, supporting our community service branch or presenting new opportunities for community service, as you look over our point sheet you can see what opportunities spark your interest.

We speak about involvement in AORN San Antonio because as you become credentialed with CNOR, CSSM or CRNFA the current CEUs system will be going away. No longer will you just be able to take a course and gain CEUs, turn them in for credit. Certifications of the future will require a different set of standards. As Operating Room Nurses we shall rise to the standard and lead as we always have in the past and going into the future. This year we will have continued conversation surrounding this topic.

Second, We would like to build relationship with ancillary departments, which is any department that touches the Operating Room. As nurses, our roles have changed over the years with our communication and expectation with these departments. Many have their own governing body and standards of practice. This is a very different relationship from my beginning nursing days, one example I can think of is operation of the sterilizers. Not long ago, nurses ran biological and operated the sterilizers. As the Sterile Processing Department Community continues to grow and have increased representation their experts operate this function in the operating room department.

Third, Designation as a 501(c)(3), we currently operate as a 501(c)(6). Becoming a 501(c)(3), will help AORN San Antonio 4409 continue to support the mission of AORN our organization, support social programs, and continued enhancement of education, arts and Operating Room Culture. Having a surgical procedure touches almost everyone, having a structure in place for organizations who would like to donate allows for acceptance of their gratitude and assures our organizational financial survival.

Fourth, Having a conference, symposium or leadership forum to bring the AORN, San Antonio body together for a day in the city. The San Antonio community continue to let us know how much these events mean to them. Whatever venue is chosen, we will be sure that it is educational, informational and fun.

As you read, we have laid out great tasks to accomplish this year. The officers and board gladly accept the challenges and rewards for such goals because we understand it is necessary for the legacy of AORN San Antonio 4409.

Next Meeting: Monday September 9, 2019.

Speaker: Anna Cypert, BSN, RN 3M Clinical Specialist

Topic: Nasal Colonization and Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Risk

