

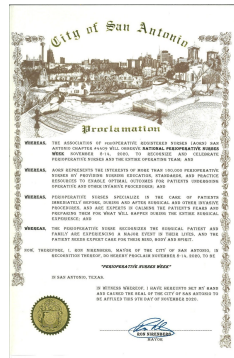
November 2020



# NEWSLETTER

Hello, San Antonio Operating Room Nurses,

November 8— November 14 we celebrate Perioperative Nurses Week!!!



Please read the Proclamation signed by Mayor Nirenberg, in celebration and recognition to our profession.

AORN Chapter 4409 wishes you a happy nurses week.

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## Educational Offering

- November 17, 2020 @ 11am CST

Who: 3Ms Health Care Academy

Topic: Every Touchpoint Counts: Surgical Site Infection Risk Reduction

See Flyer Below

- November 21, 2020 @9am - 12:30 pm

Who: Healthmark

Topics: Understanding the Role of the Infection Preventionist;

Quality Management Systems for Device Reprocessing

Personal Protective Equipment: A Legal and Personal Issue

See Flyer Below

- On October 22 - November 20, the OR Excellence Conference will be happening. OR Excellence is dedicated to Outpatient Surgery. AORN members can attend the conference at no cost. To sign up you can visit the AORN website or go to [www.orexcellence.com](http://www.orexcellence.com).

- If you have not already done so, we still have available, the OR Today Conference that happened in August 2020. Please view at

[www.ortodaylive.com/virtual-education](http://www.ortodaylive.com/virtual-education)

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## STERILE PROCESSING DEPARTMENTS

The sterile processing community is looking to send letters of support to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to have their education process become an Industry Based Certification.

The education surrounding the Sterile Processing Technician is rigorous and detail oriented. Having an Industry Based Certification for those who work in that area confirms their knowledge as experts of Sterile Processing. This certification will help keep infection control and patient safety at the forefront of every Sterile Processing Department.

To send you statement of support, please contact:

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## VOTING

## AORN 2021 ELECTION BALLOT

Hello AORN San Antonio Community,

The time to vote for next year candidates will begin on November 22, 2020. Voting will be open until 5pm on December 6, 2020. Current voting positions are President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Board and Committee positions.

There is still time if you would like to serve as an officer or board member in the 2021 year. Please submit your name on the website under “contact us” section. Please submit a biography, why you would like to serve, and headshot by November 20, 2020 at midnight.

## The San Antonio 2021 Election Ballot

## RUNNING FOR

President Elect - Open

## Vice President

### Jessica E. Zenteno BSN, RN

My name is Jessica E. Zenteno and I am a Peri-Operative nurse at Brooke Army Medical Center. I earned my Bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University May 2016. My peri-Operative career started at UT Southwestern and I feel in love with it. My mentors taught me best practice and introduced me to AORN. Having mentors and preceptors that were passionate about Peri-operative nursing and active in the Dallas AORN chapter encouraged me to become active and join AORN. I moved to San Antonio a couple of years ago when I commissioned into the Air Force. Having the community and support from the San Antonio AORN chapter has made all the difference. My goal here is to encourage those who are peri-operative nurses to become active in our chapter and learn best practice guidelines so that they can be the best operating room nurse they can be.

## Secretary

### Tom Stringer BSN, RN

I have been a member of the chapter since December, 1993. I joined the chapter when I moved to San Antonio after serving in the United States Navy for 23 years and retiring. I joined AORN in 1986 when I cross-trained to the Operating Room. I became CNOR in 1989 but retired that credential a few years ago. I worked at Wilford Hall for nearly 20 years and at BAMC for about 5 years before retiring completely except for my volunteer work with TIME for Christ, Refuge International, and Mercy-ships on medical mission trips. I have served on the board in various positions, including President, numerous times over the past 25+ years. I wish newer, younger members would volunteer for positions, but since not many are, I will volunteer again. I have my BSN from UTHSC San Antonio. I think most of the members of the chapter know who I am and I have met many of them over the years. Tom Stringer

## Board

### Lori L. Minor BSN, RN, CNOR

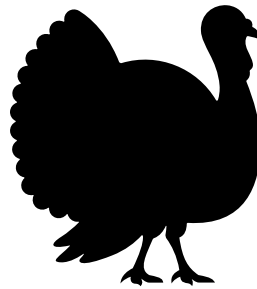
Lori has been a member of AORN since 2015, when she began her career in perioperative services. She is currently a circulating nurse at Brooke Army Medical Center on Fort Sam Houston. "The most important advice I received as a new OR nurse was to immerse myself in all things related to the perioperative field. My hospital educators suggested I become a member of AORN. Becoming a member has given me learning opportunities to gain more knowledge about the perioperative field, rather it be through continuing education or vendor demonstrations on products and equipment being used in my

operating room. The ability to network and participate in open discussions with nurses from around the world about patient care in our constantly changing profession has been greatly rewarding. The members of my local chapter have been the cornerstone and a tremendous support to my continued knowledge growth. It is my goal through mentorships to offer the same opportunities afforded me to other nurses, novice and expert."

Board Members – 2 Seats Open

Committee Members - Open

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Day!!!!!!!



# 3M<sup>SM</sup> Health Care Academy

Live educational events brought to you by the 3M<sup>TM</sup> Peak<sup>TM</sup> Clinical Outcomes Program

You're Invited!

## ***Every Touchpoint Counts: Surgical Site Infection Risk Reduction***

Free 1.0 CE

Surgical site infections (SSIs) are multi-factorial, complex events. In this webinar we will journey through the entire patient process and explore the many touchpoints and key players the patient encounters. We'll look at global research and explore what we know about infections and the actions we should take to reduce their occurrence. On conclusion, you will better understand why the process doesn't start and stop when the patient is in your department and why every touchpoint counts to reduce SSIs!

### Learning Objectives:

- Identify the many patient touchpoints throughout the surgical journey
- Discuss the pathophysiological factors of SSIs
- Describe at least 3 key risk factors for SSIs
- Explain at least 3 actions to reduce the risk of SSI

When: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 11am CST

**REGISTER NOW**

### Presenters:



Susan Symons, RN, BSN

Susan Symons has been a Clinical Specialist with 3M for 11 years. She attended Baylor University and received her BSN from Texas Woman's University. Nursing career prior to 3M was at Baylor University Medical Center Dallas in areas of ICU, Interventional Radiology and Reproductive Medicine.



Anna Cypert, BSN, RN

Anna Cypert is a Clinical Specialist with 3M Medical Solutions Division and has been a nurse for 25 years. She earned a BSN from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Anna is working towards a CIC (Infection Prevention Certification) focusing on nurse-to-nurse/clinician education committed to reducing the risks of surgical site infections and promoting positive and measurable clinical outcomes.

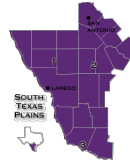
3M is an approved provider by The California Board of Registered Nursing. Provider Number CEP 5770. These programs provide 1.0 CE contact hour. RN license number OR last four digits of Social Security Number is REQUIRED.



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The Healthmark is pleased to invite you to attend a **FREE** upcoming Virtual South Texas Webinar to be held **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 12:30pm**. Please register below in the following link provided. You will receive **3-Hours CEUs** good for **IAHCSMM**, **CBSPD**, **Nursing**, and **CBIC** for **IP Professionals**. If attendees want to get together in a group in one location to watch the webinar, please email [crojo@hmark.com](mailto:crojo@hmark.com) to receive a special sign-in sheet.

Click Link to Register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3713099555784145166>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you are using a work email, there may be security or policy restrictions from your facility restricting outside emails and you may have to use your personal email. You may want to look in your "Junk Email" folder, since confirmation emails can end up there.

**Healthmark Presenters:**

Mary Ann Drosnock, Director of Clinical Affairs  
Mary Ellen Fortenberry-Moore, Sales Regional Manager  
Seth Hendee, Clinical Education Coordinator



**Agenda:**

**Introduction 9:00am to 9:15am**

- 9:15am to 10:15am "Understanding the Role of the Infection Preventionist"** Mary Ann Drosnock
  - Understand who Infection Preventionists (IP) are and the role they play in healthcare facilities
  - Discuss terms and topics that will facilitate engagement between sterile processing and infection prevention
  - Learn how to approach infection prevention and discuss ways to prepare for a meeting with an IP
- 10:15am to 11:15pm "Quality Management Systems for Device Reprocessing"** Mary Ellen Fortenberry-Moore
  - Discuss the history of quality management systems
  - Describe a process for identifying standards (ST90)
  - Define general objectives of a quality management system (QMS) and documentation
  - Identify resources and information for effective operation and monitoring
  - Discuss the cost of poor-quality outcomes

**Break 11:15pm to 11:30pm (15 min.)**

- 11:30pm to 12:30pm "Personal Protective Equipment: A Legal and Personal Issue"** Seth Hendee
  - Review OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard protections for employees (CFR-29)
  - Review standards to assess current facility practices
  - Determine additional requirements (if any) to comply with CRF-29
  - Review latest PPE recommendations for the sterile processing area from standards organizations CDC, AORN, and AAMI