



Progress Notes

Central Ohio AORN

Chapter 3603

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

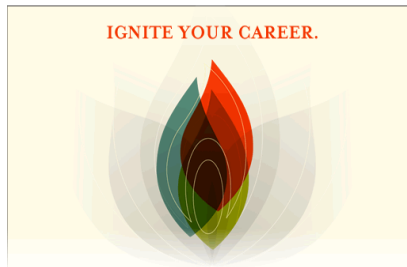
- Michael Burnett, RN, MSA, BSN, CNOR

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of AORN of Central Ohio over the past year. This leadership role exposed me to many different people and aspects of the organization that I would not have experienced otherwise; networking opportunities were abundant. As a chapter leader, I found the Leadership Conference an extremely valuable experience, having received a multitude of resources that allowed me to function more efficiently and effectively. Leadership Conference provided an excellent opportunity to meet the AORN staff that help to keep Headquarters in Denver operational. I would highly recommend this conference to any member in a leadership role or even thinking about it.

In my role as nursing faculty, reflection is one of the critical

thinking skills that I introduce to the students during the first week of lecture. As seasoned nurses, we have learned that reflection is a very powerful tool that nurses use every day; a way to reassess and revise our practice. However, many times the students do not see the impact and have not truly appreciated the concept. At the May banquet, AORN of Central Ohio will once again end one chapter of its book and begin yet another. This represents a perfect time to reflect on the past year; where is the organization currently and where do we want it to be in the future. Albeit, reflection is a tool that will allow AORN of Central Ohio to continue to “suture” the generation gap in our journey to unyielding acceptance and understanding.

At the May ban-



quet, AORN of Central Ohio will continue to “embrace the future by suturing the generation gap” as Fred Wills, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, discusses the importance of diversity and inclusion in the healthcare setting. The chapter will also conduct the annual Induction of Officers at the May banquet. Once again, it has been my pleasure to serve as President. I look forward to seeing you at the banquet.

Respectfully submitted,
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MSA, BSN, CNOR

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CAREGIVERS
COMING
TOGETHER



Legislative Corner

Kay Ball, RN, PhD, CNOR, FAAN

Patient Abandonment

The following article was published by the Associated Press recently.

Nurse gets called out of surgery to get pink slip Manager who summoned health worker violated protocol

The Associated Press - updated 2:38 p.m. CT, Wed., April 15, 2009

MADISON, Wis. - A nurse was called out of surgery so a manager could tell her she was being laid off. Dean Health said the surgery was minor and the patient wasn't affected, but the manager who summoned the nurse from surgery violated medical protocol. Dean Health spokesman Paul Pitas said the incident happened at Dean's West Clinic in Madison on Wednesday or Thursday.

Pitas said there was a period of time in which a nurse wasn't present during the procedure. He said while there were other clinical staff present, the absence of a nurse is a violation of patient care procedures.

The Madison-based health care provider announced Wednesday that it planned to "immediately" lay off 90 employees. Pitas declined to name the employees involved or what type of surgery the nurse was attending when she was called away.

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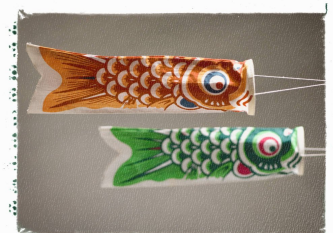
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30231451/>

Alarming stories like this are surfacing on a regular basis now that the economy is suffering throughout the USA. But the status of the economy is no excuse for unsafe patient care. We must constantly be alert to unsafe practices and negligent behaviors that compromise the safety and quality of patient care in surgery.



During the last general session of the Ohio House and Senate, we attempted to pass legislation requiring an RN Circulator for all surgical procedures. This bill didn't even move out of the House Health Committee. Currently we are working with Senator Sue Morano (Democrat - Lorain) to sponsor a bill in the Senate to ensure the health-care professional circulating a surgical procedure is a registered nurse. During the summer, we hope to move this issue along. We will keep everyone informed of the progress and when to contact your own Representative and Senator for support.

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Banquet & Monthly Event

AORN of Central Ohio

Presents

Diversion & Inclusion Initiatives in Healthcare



Speaker:

Fred Wills, B.A., M.P.A.

May 12, 2009 6:00 PM

Dinner served at 6:30 PM

La Scala Ristorante

4199 West Dublin Granville
Road, Dublin, Ohio
Phone: 614-889-9431

West of Sawmill—Across
from Wendy's HQ

Congratulations to
those elected Spring
2009

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ASAP

1 Contact Hour Applied For

Contact hours for this continuing nursing education activity have been applied for through the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Activities that are approved by AORN are recognized as continuing education for registered nurses. This recognition does not imply that AORN or the ANCC Commission on Accreditation approves or endorses any product included in the presentation.

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Caregivers Coming Together



RESULTS: Nominating Committee Slate of Offices Mary Rodgers, RN

Elected: Spring 2009

New Chapter Officers:

President-Elect: Joyce Cox
Newsletter Secretary:

Heather Nihiser

Treasurer: Bonnie Young

Board of Directors:

Mary Anne Bentivegna

Nominating Committee:

Sandy Whitcraft

Ohio Council: Jeanne LaFountain



Note from the Editor: Comments, Questions, Submissions are welcomed. Feel free to send me email , snail mail or a post-it. Whatever it takes!
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Be sure to put AORN in the Subject line! I have committed to another year of the newsletter. I am always open to suggestions or changes (and volunteers).

Thanks, Erick Cermelj

