



Culpeper Surgery Center: Perioperative Nurses Celebrated for Dedication to Safe Patient Care

If you or someone you love has had a surgical procedure, a perioperative registered nurse was directly responsible for you or your loved one's well-being throughout the operation. While all the other medical professionals in the room, including the surgeon, anesthesia provider, surgical assistant and other assistive personnel, are focused on their specific duties as part of the operation, the perioperative registered nurse focuses on the patient for the duration of the procedure. Perioperative registered nurses provide specialized nursing care to surgical patients before, during and after surgery.

November 12-18, 2023, marks the celebration of Perioperative Nurse Week, an annual celebration of perioperative nurses and their commitment to safe patient care. The Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is the national association representing the interests of over 160,000 perioperative registered nurses in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers. AORN's 44,000 registered nurse members manage, teach and practice perioperative nursing.

We as perioperative nurses want to let you

know that we are working hard to protect you—our patients—when you are most vulnerable. Join us in celebrating perioperative nurses and our dedication to safe patient care for 2023 Perioperative Nurse Week.

History of Perioperative Nurse Week

- The House of Delegates of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) decided in 1979 that one day of the year should be set aside for perioperative nurses. This day would be to celebrate and spread awareness about the work and contributions of these nurses among the general public.
- AORN was established in 1949 and November 14 was chosen as operating (O.R.) Nurse Day to appreciate perioperative nurses.
- In 2020 O.R. Nurse Day became Perioperative Nurse Week. AORN decided that the work done by perioperative nurses needed a week of discussion.
- 2020 was observed as the year of the nurse as an opportunity to further spread information about the work of nurses in the operating room.