Advancing the Specialty of Perianesthesia Nursing

EDUCATION. RESEARCH. PRACTICE. STANDARDS.
Thank you for your interest in ASPAN, the leading association for nurses practicing in all phases of preanesthesia and postanesthesia care, ambulatory surgery, and pain management.

Since its founding in 1980, ASPAN has provided its members with the latest in perianesthesia education, research, clinical practice expertise, advocacy, and a variety of other benefits. We invite you to explore all that ASPAN has to offer and then join the organization whose members—your colleagues and peers—display an extraordinary commitment to their patients as well as their profession.
Education

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Advance your career through continuing nursing education delivered by nationally recognized perianesthesia leaders, network with your colleagues, and enjoy the attractions of a major U.S. city each year. Recent venues have included: Orlando, Seattle, New Orleans, Washington, DC, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

SEMINARS
ASPAN provides a variety of one-day programs that are offered throughout the country and cover the latest topics in perianesthesia care, which will help keep you on top of your profession.

CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION CONTACT HOURS
ASPAN is an accredited provider of continuing nursing education. Contact hours can be earned through a variety of educational offerings, including the National Conference, seminars, and select articles in the Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing (JoPAN). ASPAN is also an accredited approver of continuing nursing education. Organizations can apply for contact hours for their educational activities.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ASPAN scholarships are available exclusively to members and help support those who wish to advance their education and contribute to the perianesthesia nursing community. Current scholarships provide funding for:
> A BSN, MSN, or Doctorate in Nursing degree
> Attendance at ASPAN’s National Conference
> CPAN® or CAPA® certification exam fees
> Humanitarian missions
> The Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) program
> Registration for the International Conference for PeriAnesthesia Nurses

RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM
From the novice to the experienced researcher, qualified ASPAN members may apply for research grants to support their research interests. ASPAN has a comprehensive peer review research grant program that awards grants annually.
Publications

JOURNAL OF PERIANESTHESIA NURSING (JoPAN)
ASPN’s journal provides original, peer-reviewed research, evidence-based practice, and clinical articles for nurses in perianesthesia settings, including ambulatory surgery, preadmission testing, postanesthesia care, and pain management.

BREATHLINE
ASPN’s bimonthly newsletter is published online and provides our members with timely, valuable news of interest about the Society.

PERIANESTHESIA NURSING STANDARDS AND PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS
This publication serves as the authoritative set of care practices for which perianesthesia nurses are responsible.

COMPETENCY BASED ORIENTATION AND CREDENTIALING PROGRAM FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE IN THE PERIANESTHESIA SETTING
An extensive program to train, mentor, evaluate, and examine competency and skill development for registered nurses within the perianesthesia nursing specialty.

REDI-REF FOR PERIANESTHESIA PRACTICES
A handy reference guide that covers all phases of patient care, from preadmission testing to postanesthesia settings.

COMPETENCY BASED ORIENTATION AND CREDENTIALING PROGRAM FOR UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL IN THE PERIANESTHESIA SETTING
An extensive program to train mentor, evaluate, and examine competency and skill development for unlicensed assistive personnel within the perianesthesia nursing specialty.

Other publications include:

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES
SAFETY TOOL KIT
THE RESEARCH PRIMER
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: A PRIMER FOR POLITICAL ACTION
ASPN PERIANESTHESIA DATA ELEMENTS
PERIANESTHESIA NURSING CORE CURRICULUM: PREPROCEDURE, PHASE I AND II, PACU NURSING
Community

COMPONENTS
Components are state (and, in a few cases, regional) organizations chartered by ASPAN to serve the needs of members at the state and local levels. You may join as many components as you like, though most members join the component representing the state/region in which they live. (Note: Active, Retired, and Student membership categories require you to join at least one component when joining ASPAN.)

ONLINE FORUMS
The forums are designed to encourage networking and the exchange of ideas, interests, and emerging information within the perianesthesia community. The range of topics is extensive and currently covers approximately forty major categories of interest.

SPECIALTY PRACTICE GROUPS (SPGs)
SPGs are member-driven groups that focus on a specific area within perianesthesia practice. Current SPGs include: Advanced Degree, Geriatric, Informatics, Management, Pain Management, Pediatric, Perianesthesia Nurse Educator, Preoperative Assessment, and Publications.

CLINICAL PRACTICE NETWORK
Members and nonmembers can submit questions to the ASPAN clinical practice network. All clinical practice questions received by the National Office are assigned to members of the Clinical Practice Committee who respond to the questions via email.
Professional Advocacy and Opportunities

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
The Governmental Affairs Strategic Work Team (SWT) monitors legislation at the federal and state levels to represent and advance the interests of the perianesthesia nursing community. Key issues are communicated to the ASPAN National Office and all components by the Governmental Affairs SWT.

OTHER COMMITTEES AND STRATEGIC WORK TEAMS
Currently, ASPAN boasts a total of nine committees and fourteen SWTs, each of which supports vital functions of the Society. Some of the units currently include: Clinical Practice, Education Approver, Education Provider, Evidence Based Practice, Membership and Marketing, Publications, Research, Safety, and Standards and Guidelines.

PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
ASPAN enjoys the benefits of close working relationships with other prestigious medical associations, including the American Society of Anesthesiologists, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, American College of Surgeons, and Association of periOperative Registered Nurses.

PERIANESTHESIA NURSE AWARENESS WEEK (PANAW)
PANAW is observed the first full week in February nationally and internationally and helps to celebrate and recognize perianesthesia nursing practice.

Certification
The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification (ABPANC) exists to offer CPAN® and CAPA® certification programs. CPAN® stands for Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse; CAPA® stands for Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse. These credentials are federally registered certification marks and granted to registered nurses who successfully pass a certification exam.

For more information, including recommended study references, visit: www.cpancapa.org or call 1.800.622.7262.
Other Member Benefits

> Reduced rates on educational offerings, publications, National Conference registration, and online store purchases
> Free subscriptions to *JoPAN* and *Breathline*
> Products and services from ASPAN preferred vendors at discount prices. Current products and services include: financial, printing and mailing, long-term care, and scrubs
> Significant discounts on CPAN® and CAPA® certification exam fees
> Peer networking, recognition, and award programs

Join the ASPAN community today!

Complete a membership application form or join online at www.aspan.org, then go to: Members > ASPAN Membership > How to Join Online.

For additional information, please call ASPAN toll-free at 877.737.9696, ext. 15, or email Doug Hanisch at dhanisch@aspan.org.

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