



Association of periOperative Registered Nurses

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Coalition for Patients' Rights
Steering Committee
American Nurses Association
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Dear Steering Committee Members:

As the leader in advocating for excellence in perioperative practice and healthcare, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) supports the efforts of the Coalition for Patients' Rights (CPR) to ensure that patients everywhere have access to the quality healthcare provider of their choice.

The mission of AORN, representing a national membership of more than 42,000 perioperative professionals, is to promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures by providing practice support and professional development opportunities to perioperative nurses. In pursuit of this mission, AORN collaborates with CPR and other professional and regulatory organizations, industry leaders, and healthcare partners to influence policy as it relates to patient safety. We believe by working together we can sustain a supportive and safe operating room environment in which all medical professionals can provide highest possible quality of care according to their credentials, education and approved standards of practice.

As a Coalition member, AORN encourages all healthcare professionals to come together in the best interest of patients.

Sincerely,

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