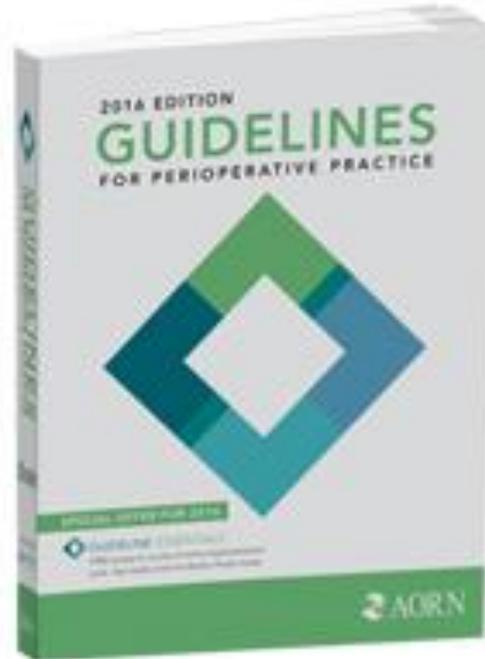


# Guidelines for Perioperative Practice

Supporting safe patient care and optimal outcomes

**SAFE PATIENT  
CARE**

**STANDARIZING  
COMPETENCIES**



**OPTIMAL  
OUTCOMES**

**PROVIDING  
RESOURCES**

The Joint Commission, CMS, AHHA and other accreditation bodies refer to AORN's *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*

# About AORN

AORN is a non-profit membership association based in Denver, Colorado that represents the interests of more than 160,000 perioperative nurses by providing nursing education, standards, and clinical practice resources – including the peer-reviewed, monthly publication AORN Journal – to enable optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. Our 41,000 registered nurse members manage, teach, and practice perioperative nursing, are enrolled in nursing education, or are engaged in perioperative research. We define and advance best nursing practices for surgical patients by researching and distributing scientifically based guidelines.

## **Our Mission**

Our mission 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. AORN will collaborate with professional and regulatory organizations, industry leaders, and other health care partners who support the mission.

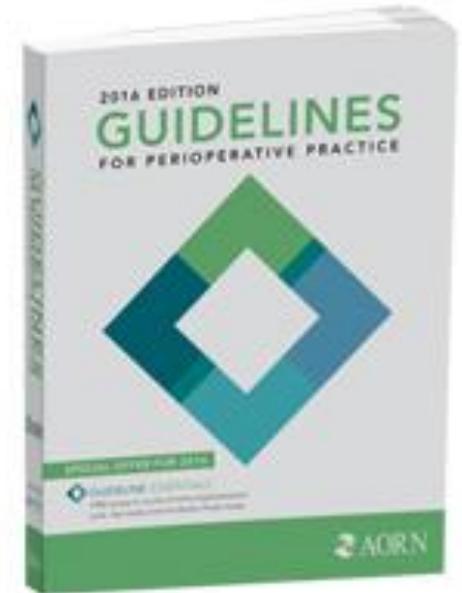
## **Our Vision**

AORN will be the indispensable resource for evidence-based practice and education that establishes the standards of excellence in the delivery of perioperative nursing care.

# Implement a Culture of Safety

Backed by Evidence-Based *Guidelines*

- 32 evidence-based Guidelines
  - Evidence is rated /weighted
  - Accepted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Guideline Clearinghouse
- Guidelines are divided into 5 topic areas
  - Aseptic Practice
  - Equipment and Product Safety
  - Patient and Worker Safety
  - Patient Care
  - Sterilization and Disinfection



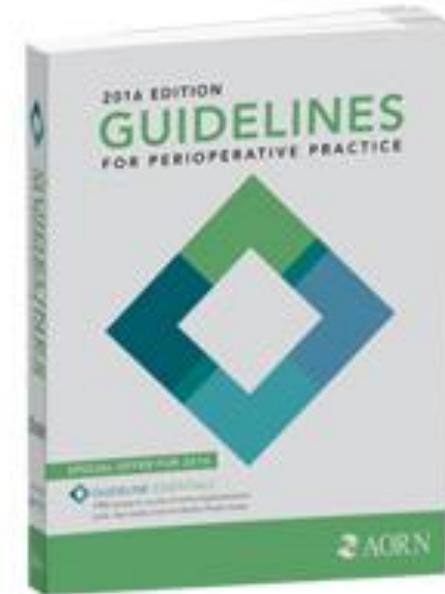
*Reviewed and revised annually by AORNs Perioperative Experts*

# Guidelines for Perioperative Practice

Hot Topics for 2016

## Guidelines Updated

- Processing Flexible Endoscopes
- Care of the Patient Receiving Moderate Sedation/Analgesia
- Prevention of Retained Surgical Items (with Ambulatory supplement)
- Prevention of Unplanned Patient Hypothermia
- Radiation Safety (with Ambulatory supplement)



# Guideline Essentials

Translate Evidence into Practice™

## TOOLS FOR The Perioperative Team



GUIDELINE AT  
A GLANCE



KEY  
TAKEAWAYS



GUIDELINE  
FAQs



WEBINARS

- Guidelines At-A-Glance
- Key Takeaways
- Guideline FAQs
- Webinars

## TOOLS FOR The Managers & Educators



IMPLEMENTATION  
ROAD MAP



GAP ANALYSIS



REAL-WORLD  
CASE STUDIES



AUDIT TOOLS

- Implementation Road Maps
- Gap Analysis
- Real-World Case Studies
- Audit Tools

## TEMPLATES FOR The Team



POLICIES &  
PROCEDURES



COMPETENCY  
VERIFICATIONS



POWERPOINT  
PRESENTATIONS

- Customizable Policy & Procedure Templates
- Competency Verification
- PowerPoint Presentations

# eSubscription to Guidelines

Online Access Available

- Multi-user / facility-wide
- Always up-to-date
- At your fingertips 24/7
- Guideline implementation tools
  - How-to videos
  - Competency verifications
  - Policies & procedures



 **GUIDELINE**  
*ESSENTIALS*