

JOURNAL OF PERIANESTHESIA NURSING

The premiere journal for nurses involved in the care of patients undergoing procedures requiring sedation, analgesia, and anesthesia.

Purpose of the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing*: To facilitate communication about and deliver education specific to the body of knowledge unique to the practice of perianesthesia nursing.

Target audience: The primary audience for JoPAN includes nurses in perianesthesia settings: ambulatory surgery, preadmission testing, postanesthesia (Phases I and II), extended observation, and pain management. Additionally, the Journal provides information of interest to professionals practicing in office-based settings, operating rooms, medical/surgical and critical care nursing, and all areas where sedation/analgesia is utilized. Facilities and settings of care delivery vary and therefore it is the practice, not the location, that determines the focus.

Philosophy: Perianesthesia care must incorporate a holistic approach appreciating the long-term as well as the short-term needs of the patient. Attention to special needs and problems affecting individual responses to anesthesia and surgery is the core of the specialty. Our responsibility is to assure the delivery of information and education pertinent to the practice.

Editorial content: The perianesthesia specialty requires a multidisciplinary pool of knowledge and expertise that is continually enhanced by new information. Therefore, the editorial content of the Journal reflects the beliefs, aims, and goals of ASPAN by:

- providing a forum for sharing professional knowledge and experience relating to management ethics, legislation, research, and other aspects of perianesthesia nursing;
- promoting a quality of nursing care that results from standards of care, advanced knowledge of theory and practice, and accountability;
- providing information on a variety of subjects affecting the perianesthesia process.

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