Join APSNA Today!

SAFETY AND EXCELLENCE IN THE SURGICAL CARE OF CHILDREN
APSNA is committed to your professional growth.

Join over 550 pediatric surgical nursing colleagues!

We know you are passionate about providing the best possible care to your patients and families.

APSNA is a dynamic, vibrant organization of members representing various nursing roles including bedside nurses, perioperative nurses, advanced practice nurses, nurse managers and nurse educators. To that end, APSNA leads the way in providing a variety of resources aimed at meeting your practice needs.

Since 1992, APSNA has grown in scope and numbers. Pediatric surgical nurses work in a team-oriented environment. The broad scope of pediatric nursing practice is what makes this field both challenging and rewarding.
MISSION
We are the voice that shapes pediatric surgical nursing through advocacy, collaboration, mentorship and leadership. Based on a foundation of research, education and innovation, we will transform care delivery for pediatric surgical patients.

CORE VALUES
• Diversity and Inclusion: Act according to a strong code of ethics demonstrating acceptance, cooperation, flexibility, compromise and mutual respect.

• Excellence: Establish and sustain professional competencies that promote pediatric surgical nursing to key stakeholders.

• Integrity: Model and uphold transparency, accountability and honesty through actions, communication, and caring behaviors.

• Innovation: Encourage inquiry and creativity to promote proactive, interactive, professional deliberations.

• Scientific Inquiry: Commit to lifelong learning by actively contributing to an evolving body of scientific surgical nursing knowledge through research, publication, and dissemination.

• Volunteerism: Provide members the ability to freely interact, discuss trends, and share knowledge.

VISION
The American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc. (APSNA) will be the leading authority for the nursing care of pediatric surgical patients.

PEDIATRIC SURGERY NURSING DEFINED
The pediatric surgical nurse uses the patient and family centered care approach to provide for patients requiring surgical intervention in a variety of settings. Utilizing evidence-based practice guidelines pediatric surgical nurses focus on the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities for children from newborn through young adulthood with an array of surgical issues. They serve as clinicians, researchers, educators, mentors, advocates, and administrators. Pediatric surgical nursing strives for the prevention of illness and injury, the restoration of health and the maximization of comfort in health conditions and at the end of life, through diagnosis, treatment and management of the child’s condition that requires surgical intervention.
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- APSNA’s electronic scholarly journal—Four quarterly issues of the *Journal of Pediatric Surgical Nursing*
- Exclusive online resources, such as APSNA’s Patient and Family Information Sheets, webinars, position statements, and Standardized Toolbox of Education for Pediatric Surgery (STEPS)
- Annual Scientific Conference held in the spring
- Scholarships for education, research & wound care
- Peer support and networking through our special interest groups, forums, and committee involvement
- Authors of the Pediatric Surgical NP Competencies that guide marketing, preceptorship and mentoring to entry level pediatric surgery NP practice
- Exclusive pediatric ostomy principles and guidelines for best practice
- Legislative news specific to pediatric care and practice specific
- *News You Can Use* eNews bringing you the latest industry news and activities of our association
- AORN, ANA and APSNA joint membership — “Triad” Membership
- **Clinical Mentorship:** Connecting you to motivated, pediatric surgical experts throughout the country
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Election to board membership, committee participation, SIG leadership

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