



# AORN Los Angeles Chapter #0507 Agenda September 13, 2017

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

## 2. Presentation:

“Factors that Contribute to an Efficient Operating Room” Bill Denton

## 3. Business Meeting

- a. Minutes May 17, 2017 Suzy Axt
- b. Treasurers report Pattie Benton
- c. Chapter Merge with East San Gabriel Valley Suzy Axt
- d. Chapter Election Results Suzy Axt
- e. Chapter Accountability Revised Standards
- f. Nurse Executive Leadership Seminar – Oct. 17
- g. Available for review:
  - a. AORN Bylaws
  - b. AORN-LA Chapter Bylaws
  - c. Code of Conduct,
  - d. Officer Duties

## 4. Open Discussion/Networking

## 5. Adjournment

## 6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 5:00pm-7:30pm Cardinal Room

You can take the Metro to Union Station and either Uber/Lyft or take Keck Shuttle to campus.



## **AORN-LA CHAPTER #0507 MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2017**

### **1. WELCOME – INTRODUCTIONS**

The LA Chapter met face to face at USC Keck Medical Center in the Aresty Auditorium. Networking time was provided as the members gathered and selected their meal options. The meeting was opened at 17:21 by Chapter President Suzy Axt. Ms. Axt introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Bill Denton

### **2. PRESENTATION**

#### **Factors that Contribute to an Efficient Operating Room**

*Presented by Bill Denton, RN Executive Vice President, GE Healthcare Camden Group*

Bill Denton gave an informative and engaging presentation which covered the importance of OR efficiency and what factors contribute to it. In his presentation, he had attendees form into groups and list the inefficiencies in the OR (from experience) and how they affect patients' care throughout. Benefits from perioperative efficiency were noted: Greater daily predictability, access for urgent/add-on cases, cases start on time, patients are ready on time, SDS/PACU beds available, accurate preference cards, go home on time, high level of staff, physician and patient engagement, increased volume and the use of accurate data to make decisions.

Leap Rail, a company specializing in technological advances in medical efficiencies has developed a product (system) which takes data points out of the EMR and predicts delays and potential bottlenecks in the operating suite.

By comparing real-time EMR data points to historical data, the system is able to identify variations. It can also predict delays from the patient end, such as check-in times. If delays occur, the system reviews all cases, room set-up, available surgeons and suggests potential switches.

For example, if IV administration and intubation takes 15 minutes longer for a particular patient, it is likely the case end time will be delayed 15 minutes. The system notifies the anesthesiologist overseeing the status board about the potential delay and provides



solutions for the potential sequela of this, such as multiple rooms ending at the same time which may overwhelm environmental services, lack of post-anesthesia care or staff overtime, etc. The system can also text the surgeon scheduled in the delayed room his or her new start time. The 35 efficiency strategies for OR Management Tracking were reviewed. Main categories include suite utilization, pre-admission testing, case start timeliness, patient out to patient in, staffing costs.

35 Efficiency Strategies Reviewed
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Elements of OR Efficiency				
Suite Utilization & Scheduling Accuracy	Pre-Admission Testing & Case Cancellations	Case Start Timeliness	Patient Out to Patient In & Close to Cut	Staffing Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Daily Schedule Management Huddles</li> <li>✓ Guidelines for case scheduling accuracy</li> <li>✓ Modified block time with some first come, first served time</li> <li>✓ Minimum utilization threshold for block allocation</li> <li>✓ Release times based on specialty</li> <li>✓ Management of voluntary block release</li> <li>✓ Balance of cases throughout week</li> <li>✓ Case times based upon historical data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pre-registration process to expedite day of surgery flow</li> <li>✓ Pre-certification process to ensure reimbursement</li> <li>✓ Mandatory pre-admission processes</li> <li>✓ Telephone screening for low risk patients &amp; surgeries</li> <li>✓ Streamlined diagnostic requirements based on protocols</li> <li>✓ Criteria for consults</li> <li>✓ Deadline for elective chart completion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Start Time Matrix with clearly defined start time</li> <li>✓ Patient in room at or prior to posted start time</li> <li>✓ Room set-up teams</li> <li>✓ Dedicated support personnel</li> <li>✓ Root cause analysis to determine issues</li> <li>✓ Active governance structure to deal with issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proactive schedule management for case sequencing</li> <li>✓ Defined Patient Out to Patient In targets, by specialty</li> <li>✓ Defined criteria and effective use of "flip rooms"</li> <li>✓ Turnover teams for room clean-up and set-up</li> <li>✓ Communication between team members</li> <li>✓ Complete and accurate preference cards and case carts</li> <li>✓ Appropriate instrument resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Defined hours of operation</li> <li>✓ Staffing pattern aligned with case demand pattern</li> <li>✓ Appropriate skill mix</li> <li>✓ Adequate room coverage</li> <li>✓ Compressed daily schedule to eliminate gaps</li> <li>✓ Surgeon, or service-specific teams</li> <li>✓ Prudent use of call teams</li> </ul>

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### 3. BUSINESS MEETING

- a. The minutes from May 17, 2017 were approved as read.
- b. Treasurers report - Pattie Benton, Chapter Treasurer announced the Ending Balance on August 14, 2017 came to \$13,168.33. New account has been opened.
- c. Chapter Merge with East San Gabriel Valley Chapter
  - a. Merge is not 100% complete. The contact names of all active San Gabriel Valley chapter members needs to be confirmed by Ms. Axt.
- d. Chapter Election Results
  - a. Ms. Axt proudly announced AORN-LA's new Chapter VP/Secretary, Ms. Linda Rodgers.



- e. Chapter Accountability Revised Standards
- f. Nurse Executive Leadership Seminar – October 17
  - a. Earn 4 CE units by attending this one-day seminar located in San Diego, CA  
Interested chapter members are asked to contact Suzy Axt for more information. Pattie Benton to attend.
- g. Handouts available for review for the following:
  - a. AORN Bylaws,
  - b. Chapter Bylaws,
  - c. Code of Conduct and
  - d. Officer Duties

#### **4. OPEN DISCUSSION**

AORN Chapter members who were present decided to approve a \$500 donation to the AORN Houston Chapter #4436 in wake of one of the worst natural disasters in US history, Hurricane Harvey.

It was proposed to hold Chapter meetings on Saturday mornings as an alternative to the middle of the week during the current hours of 5-7:30pm in hopes to increase member turnout. Wednesday evenings during peak rush-hour may be a barrier for optimum member participation and attendance.

#### **5. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:40. Attendees were encouraged to become active, attend meetings and bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

#### **6. Next Meetings:    Wednesday, November 8, 2017 Cardinal Room**