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**EDUCATION**

*Doctor of Nursing Practice* August 2017  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
845 S. Damen Ave. Chicago, IL  
DNP Project: *Nurse intent to remain in the operating room after perioperative core-curriculum completion*

*Masters of Science in Nursing* December 2014  
Benedictine University  
Lisle, IL  
Capstone Project: *Improving patient hand-offs between surgical departments and nursing departments*

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing* December 2012  
Benedictine University  
Springfield, IL

*Associates Degree in Nursing* May 2010  
Lincoln Land Community College  
Springfield, IL

*Bachelor of Arts* May 2005  
Illinois College  
Jacksonville, IL

**EMPLOYMENT**

**ACADEMIC**

***University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing***

2024-present	Clinical Associate Professor
2024-present	Program Director Health Systems Leadership DNP Program

2022-present	Associate Department Head Population Health Nursing Science
2022-present	Legal Nurse Consultant/Medical Reviewer
2019-2024	Clinical Assistant Professor
2018- 2019	Adjunct Clinical Instructor

**PRACTICE**

***Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Denver, CO***

2019-present	Perioperative Education Consultant
2022-present	Associate Editor, <i>The Stitch</i>

***Memorial Medical Center  
Springfield, IL***

2017- 2019	Manager, Perioperative Education
2015– 2017	OR Clinical Case Coordinator
2011-2015	Staff RN Surgery
2010-2011	Staff RN Cardiovascular Services
2008-2010	Staff LPN

***Good Samaritan Home  
Quincy, IL***

2007-2008	Staff LPN
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## HONORS AND AWARDS

### National Awards

- 2024**      **DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators, University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing.** Recognized for playing a pivotal role in shaping the nursing workforce.
- 2022**      **Young Professional Voice Honoree, American Organization for Nursing Leadership.** Recognized significant potential as a health care leader and demonstrates exemplary leadership within their organization, community, and the nursing profession.
- 2021**      **Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Education, Association of periOperative Registered Nurses.** Recognized for providing outstanding contributions to the education of perioperative nurses.
- 2020**      **Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Year of the Nurse Member Spotlight.** Recognized as an inspirational member leading the way in perioperative nursing.
- 2019**      **Clinical Innovation Award [Poster presentation].** Association of perioperative Registered Nurses Surgical Conference and Expo. Poster title: *Using a two-step process to implement a massive transfusion protocol simulation for operating room clinician.*
- 2017**      **Forty Under 40 Award, Association of periOperative Registered Nurses** Recognized as a national leader in perioperative nursing by showing a high level of commitment to professional growth in the perioperative profession and for demonstrating phenomenal leadership characteristics including vision, achievement, and ownership.

### Local/Regional Awards

- 2021**      **Recognition Award, Illinois Council of periOperative Registered Nurses, AORN Foundation donation and memorial brick.** An engraved brick placed at AORN Headquarters to honor Rebecca Vortman and colleague's advocacy and leadership for Illinois' Surgical Smoke Plume Evacuation Law, Public Act 102-0533.
- 2020**      **40 Under 40 Emerging Nurse Leader, Illinois Nurses Foundation.** Recognized for exemplary contributions to healthcare and the nursing profession.

- 2018**      **People’s Choice Award, Memorial Medical Center and Sigma Theta Tau International Nu Pi at large Chapter.** Poster presentation was selected for the People’s Choice Award at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference.
- 2017**      **People’s Choice Award, Memorial Medical Center and Sigma Theta Tau International Nu Pi at large Chapter.** Poster presentation was selected for the People’s Choice Award at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

- 2022**      **Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Foundation, Professional Education Grant.** Awarded \$1000, AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo.
- 2021**      **University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing, Department of Population Health Nursing Science.** Awarded \$500 from the Population Health Gift Fund. Funds applied towards specialty certification.
- 2019**      **Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Foundation, Professional Education Grant.** Awarded \$700, AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo.

## PUBLICATIONS (senior author underlined, student or intern\*)

### Peer Reviewed

**Vortman, R.** (in press). Effective written communication to enhance optimal perioperative patient outcomes. *Clinics in Perioperative Nursing Care*.

**Vortman, R.** (in press). The safe use of artificial intelligence in perioperative nursing care. *Clinics in Perioperative Nursing Care*.

\*Mogle, M., Vortman, R., & Miller, A. (2024). Identifying patients at risk for melanoma in an aesthetic practice. *Plastic and Aesthetic Nursing*, 44(3), 183–187.  
<https://doi.org/10.1097/PSN.0000000000000566>

**Vortman, R.**, Quintana, D., Oliver-Coleman, J., Baker, J.D., Wagner, D. (2024). Roadmap for integrating the AACN Essentials with perioperative nursing. *Journal of Professional Nursing*. 53 35-48. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2024.04.007>

**Vortman, R.**, & Smalley, P. (2024). Our journey to pass a surgical plume evacuation law. *The American Journal of Nursing*, 124(2), 32–38.  
<https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NAJ.0001006372.54090.69>

**Vortman, R.**, Darbyshire, P., & Talatala, R. (2024). Sharing perioperative nursing expertise through publication: A guide for the novice writer. *AORN Journal*. 119(3), 186–196. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.14094>

**Wendler, M.C., & Vortman, R.** (2023). How to write powerful letters of recommendation. *The American Journal of Nursing*. 123(3), 52-55. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NAJ.0000921812.29791.ad>

**Vortman, R.**, Stogis, S., & Kirkbride, G. (2022). Envisioning the new essentials in a competency-based DNP strategic and financial business planning course. *Journal of Professional Nursing*. 42, 231-238. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2022.07.011>

**Stucky, C., & Vortman, R.** (2022). Nurse-led strategies to decrease preoperative patient anxiety. *Nursing*, 52(12), 10–11. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NURSE.0000891956.74320.3b>

\***Ostapovych, U., & Vortman, R.** (2022). Implementing surgical smoke evacuation policies and procedures: A quality improvement project. *AORN Journal*, 115(2), 139-146. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.13603>

**Wendler, M.C., Vortman, R., Rafferty, R., & McPherson, S.** (2021). What do novice faculty need to successfully transition to the nurse faculty role? An integrative review. *International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship*. 18(1), 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1515/ijnes-2021-0095>

**Vortman, R.**, Wendler, M., & McPherson, S. (2021). A Delphi technique study to understand nurses' knowledge and concerns regarding surgical smoke. *Perioperative Care and Operating Room Management Journal*, 24, 100193. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pcorm.2021.100193>

**Vortman, R.**, & McPherson, S. (2021). The state of the perioperative nursing specialty workforce: A concern for executive nurse leaders. *Nurse Leader Journal*. 19(3), 281-288. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mnl.2020.11.004>

**Vortman, R.**, & Thorlton, J. (2021). Empowering nurse executives to advocate for surgical smoke free operating rooms. *Nurse Leader Journal*. 19(5), 508-515. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mnl.2020.10.004>

**Vortman, R.** (2021). Meeting DNP Essentials through a journal club clinical experience. *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*. 52(3), 123-129. <https://doi.org/10.3928/00220124-20210216-06>

**Vortman, R.**, McPherson, S., & Wendler, M. (2021). State of the science: A concept analysis of surgical smoke. *AORN Journal*. 113(1), 41–51. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.13271>

**Vortman, R.** (2020). Using simulation-based education to improve team communication during a massive transfusion protocol in the OR. *AORN Journal*, 111(4). 393-400. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.12987>

**Vortman, R.**, Bergren, M.D., Baur, K., & Floyd, V. (2019). Nurse retention in the operating room after perioperative core curriculum completion. *ORNAC: Operating Room Nurses Association Canada*, 37(3). 13-19

## **Non-Peer Reviewed**

**Vortman, R.** (2024). Happy first birthday to The Stitch. *AORN The Stitch*. [Editorial], <https://www.aorn.org/the-stitch/happy-first-birthday-to-the-stitch>

**Vortman, R.** (2024). Committing to safety and the surgical time-out. *AORN The Stitch*. [Editorial], <https://www.aorn.org/the-stitch/throwback-theater/time-out-editorial-vortman>

**Vortman, R.** (2023). Introducing The Stitch: Putting the Pieces Together for Novice Perioperative Nurses. *AORN The Stitch*. [Editorial], <https://www.aorn.org/article/putting-the-pieces-together-for-novice-perioperative-nurses>

**Vortman, R.**, & Tate C. (2019). Using aromatherapy to alleviate nausea symptoms in Phase 2 recovery patients. *AORN Journal Periop Briefing*. 110(5), 17-21. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.12875>

**Vortman, R.** (2019). Increasing use of surgical smoke evacuation in the OR. *The Pulse of Memorial Nursing*. 16(1), 9

**Vortman, R.** (2018). Periop 101 core curriculum modules for the novice operating room nurse during orientation. *The Pulse of Memorial Nursing*. 15(2), 5-6

**Vortman, R.** (2017). Massive transfusion protocol simulations. *The Pulse of Memorial Nursing*. 14(1), P8

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

**Vortman, R.** (in press). Breast surgery. In J. Rothrock (Eds). *Alexander's Care of the Patient in Surgery*. (pp TBD). Elsevier.

## **POSITION STATEMENTS/WHITE PAPERS**

The Surgical Plume Alliance, (2022, June). The Surgical Plume Alliance position statement on perioperative management of surgical plume, [Contributing author], <https://www.afpp.org.uk/careers/Standards-Guidance>

Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, (2022, May). The essential role of the Doctor of Nursing Practice-prepared nurse in perioperative services, [Lead author], <https://www.aorn.org/guidelines-resources/clinical-resources/whitepapers/the-essential-role-of-the-doctor-of-nursing-practice-prepared-nurse-in-perioperative-services>

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Canadian Standards Association. (2024). *Z7001:24. Safe use of energy-based medical and surgical devices in healthcare*. National Standard of Canada. Canadian Standards Association. Contributing author: [Contributing author].

## PRESENTATIONS (senior author underlined, student \*, invited \*\*)

### International

Vortman, R., & Smalley, J. (2024, May). Surgical plume management: An imperative for surgery today. (Poster presentation) *European Operating Room Nurses Association Conference*, Valencia, Spain.

### National

Vortman, R., Quintana, D., Oliver-Coleman, J., Baker, J.D., Wagner, D. (2025). Reimagining nursing curriculum with perioperative competencies. (Poster presentation). *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Global Surgical Conference and Expo*, Boston, MA.

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2024, October, webinar). When nurses talk, legislators listen: Driving change in health policy. *American Association of Colleges of Nursing JONAS Scholars*.

Vortman, R., & Kirkbride, G. (2024, January). (Podium presentation) It takes courage and commitment to teach informatics and healthcare technology. Let's get ready together for Domain 8. *American Association of Colleges of Nursing Doctoral Education Conference*, Naples, FL.

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2023, January). Envisioning the 2021 *Essentials* in a DNP strategic and financial business planning course. (Podium presentation) *American Association of Colleges of Nursing Doctoral Education Conference*, Coronado, CA.

Vortman, R. (2022, March). The road less taken: Leading the way to clean air in the operating room. (Podium presentation) *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Global Surgical Conference and Expo*, New Orleans, LA.

Vortman, R. & McPherson, S. (2021, August). Applying the Delphi methodology to build consensus on surgical smoke exposure and practices among operating room nurses. (Podium

presentation) *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Virtual Global Surgical Conference and Expo.*

**Vortman, R.**, Worley, K., Wheeler, K., & Bartlett, K. (2021, August). Our shared purpose: Succession planning for our future. (Podium presentation) Leadership Specialty Assembly. *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Virtual Global Surgical Conference and Expo.*

**Vortman, R.** (2020, May). Using simulation-based education to improve team communication during a massive transfusion protocol in the OR. (Podium presentation). *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Virtual Global Surgical Conference and Expo.*

**Vortman, R.**, Worley, K., Wheeler, K., & Bartlett, K. (2020, April) Succession planning: A 20/20 vision for perioperative leaders. (Podium presentation). Leadership Specialty Assembly, *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Global Surgical Conference and Expo*, Anaheim, CA. (Conference cancelled)

**Vortman, R.** (2019, April) Using a two-step process to implement a massive transfusion protocol simulation for operating room clinicians. (Poster) *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Global Surgical Conference and Expo*, Nashville, TN.

## **Regional/State/Local**

**Vortman, R.** (2025, February). When perioperative nurses talk, legislators listen: Driving change in health policy. (Podium presentation). *AORN North Carolina Dogwood Chapter Winter Seminar, Charlotte, NC.*

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2025, February). Nurse advocacy panel. *Nurses Running for Elected Office Training Academy Session. American Nurses Association-Illinois.* Virtual event.

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2024, November). Sharing your perioperative expertise through publications. (Podium presentation). *Illinois Council of periOperative Registered Nurses Fall Seminar, Carterville, Illinois.*

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2024, October). Sharing your perioperative expertise through publications. (Podium presentation). *AORN Chapter 1411 Vendor Fair, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.*

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2024, May). Perioperative nurse engagement in health policy and advocacy: A perioperative practice imperative. (Podium presentation). *San Diego AORN Chapter Vendor Fair, San Diego, California.*

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2024, March). Sharing your perioperative expertise through publications. (Podium presentation). *Chicago AORN Chapter 1401 meeting. Chicago, Illinois.*

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2024, February). Sharing your perioperative expertise through publications. (Podium presentation). *Silicon Valley AORN Chapter meeting. Silicon Valley, California.*

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2024, January). Perioperative nurse engagement in health policy and advocacy: A perioperative practice imperative. (Podium presentation). *Tampa AORN Chapter Vendor Fair*, Tampa, Florida.

**\*\*Vortman, R., & Smalley, P.** (2023, November). Making your mark in health policy and advocacy: A perioperative practice imperative. (Podium presentation). *Illinois Council of periOperative Registered Nurses Fall Seminar*, Maywood, Illinois.

**Vortman, R.** (2023, April). Advocacy and leadership: A journey to achieve passage of a surgical plume evacuation law in Illinois. (Podium presentation). *Memorial Medical Center and Nu Pi-at-large chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference*, Springfield, IL.

**\*\*Vortman, R., & Smalley, P.** (2022, November) Implementing the new Illinois surgical plume evacuation law: Are you ready? (Podium presentation) *Illinois Council of Operating Room Nurses, Fall Conference*, Bloomington, Illinois.

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2022, April). Are you ready to take control of surgical plume? From awareness to action. (Podium presentation) *Indiana Federation of Ambulatory Surgery Centers*. Carmel, Indiana.

**\*\*Vortman, R., & Smalley, P.** (2022, January). A new Illinois law on surgical smoke plume: Advocacy, interpretation, and implementation in healthcare facilities. (Virtual podium presentation) *AORN Chicago Chapter 1401*, Chicago, Illinois.

**\*\*Vortman, R., & Smalley, P.** (2022, January). Leading the way in Illinois to the successful passage of a surgical smoke plume evacuation legislation. (Virtual podium presentation) *AORN North Texas Chapter*, Dallas, Texas.

**\*\*Smalley, P., & Vortman, R.** (2021, September). A new Illinois law on surgical smoke plume: Advocacy, interpretation, and implementation in the ASC. *Illinois Ambulatory Surgery Center Association, Annual Meeting*. Lisle, IL.

**\*\*Vortman, R., & Thorlton, J.** (2021, September, webinar). Supporting surgical smoke evacuation through a policy analysis. *Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California*, Berkeley, CA.

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2021, March, invited speaker). Empowering nurses to advocate for workplace safety by conducting a policy analysis. (Virtual podium presentation). *AORN Silicone Valley Chapter*, Silicone Valley, CA.

**Vortman, R., & Thorlton, J.** (2020, November). Examining surgical smoke evacuation legislation: A policy analysis. (Podium presentation). *ANA-Illinois Professional Issues Conference*, Oak Brook, IL. (Conference converted to virtual with only keynote speaker).

**Vortman, R.**, & Thorlton, J. (2020, April). Surgical smoke evacuation: A policy analysis. (Presentation). *Memorial Medical Center and Nu Pi-at-large chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference*, Springfield, IL. (Conference cancelled)

**Vortman, R.** (2020, January). Surgical smoke legislative update. (Presentation). *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses*, Chapter 1404, Springfield, IL.

Thorlton, J., & **Vortman, R.** (2020, January). You can write a policy analysis in 90 days or less. (presentation). *University of Illinois College of Nursing Health Systems Science Department Faculty Retreat*. Chicago, IL.

**\*\*Vortman, R.** (2019, December). Stop smoking in Illinois operating rooms. (Presentation). *American Nurses Association-Illinois Board of Directors meeting*. Bloomington, IL.

**Vortman, R.** (2019, August). AORN 2019 Surgical Conference and Expo updates (Presentation). *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Chapter 1404*, Springfield, IL.

**Vortman, R.** (2019, March). Increasing the use of surgical smoke evacuation. (Poster). *Memorial Medical Center and Nu Pi-at-large chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference*, Springfield, IL.

Tate, C., Alsup, P., Dalsin, P., Bilbruck, G., Hurley, J., Schramm, B., Floyd, V., & **Vortman, R.** (2018, March). Use of inhaled aromatherapy in the post-operative patient experiencing nausea. (Poster). *Memorial Medical Center and Nu Pi-at-large chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference*, Springfield, IL.

**Vortman, R.** (2017, December) Fire safety and prevention in the perioperative setting (Presentation and simulation) *Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation, Memorial Medical Center*, Springfield, IL.

Tate, C., Alsup, P., Dalsin, P., Bilbruck, G., Hurley, J., Schramm, B., Floyd, V., & **Vortman, R.** (2017, November). Use of inhaled aromatherapy in the post-operative patient experiencing nausea. (Poster). *Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences and Pi Pi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference*, Quincy, IL.

**Vortman R.**, & Gehrmann, J. (2017, May) AORN Surgical Conference and Expo updates (Presentation) *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Chapter 1404*, Springfield, IL.

**Vortman, R.** (2017, May) Massive transfusion protocol (Presentation and Simulation) *Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation, Memorial Medical Center*, Springfield, IL.

**Vortman, R.**, Baur, K., Bergren, MD., & Floyd, V. (2017, April). Nurse intent to remain in the operating room after perioperative core-curriculum completion. (Poster). *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing DNP Poster Session*. Chicago, IL.

**Vortman, R.**, Baur, K., Bergren, MD., & Floyd, V. (2017, March). Nurse intent to remain in the

operating room after perioperative core-curriculum completion. (Poster). *Memorial Medical Center and Nu Pi-at-large chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nursing Research Conference*. Springfield, IL.

**Vortman, R.**, & Strode K. (2014, January) Sharps injury awareness and prevention (Presentation) *Association of periOperative Registered Nurses*, Chapter 1404, Springfield, IL.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE** (Interviewed and/or Cited)

Chicago Tribune (2024, March 5.) Wetlands protection bill aims to close gaps in Illinois after Supreme Court ruling. <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2024/03/06/wetlands-protection-illinois/>

Environmental Law and Policy Center. (2024, March 5). IL legislators, community groups, announce bill to protect Illinois wetlands: State legislation needed after U.S. Supreme Court overreach. <https://elpc.org/news/il-legislators-community-groups-announce-bill-to-protect-illinois-wetlands/>

Pincus, E. (2023). Making your mark with self-care. *AORN Journal*, 118(4), 205-207. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.14007>

University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing. (2023, September 13). Vortman launches e-zine for new perioperative nurses. <https://nursing.uic.edu/news-stories/rebecca-vortman-launches-e-zine-for-new-perioperative-nurses/>

Dennis, V. (2022). Perioperative nurses stand up and take your bow. *AORN Journal*, 116(5), 395-398. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aorn.13809>

McDonald, N. (2022). Fighting for smoke-free ORs: How a grassroots effort to evacuate surgical plume is gaining momentum. *Outpatient Surgery*. (2022, October). <https://digital.outpatientsurgery.net/view/608767326/#zoom=true>

Saver, C. (2022). Effective orientation vital for a sustainable workforce: Part 2. *OR Manager*. 38(5).

Saver, C. (2022). Effective orientation vital for a sustainable workforce: Part 1. *OR Manager*. 38(4).

Parment, S. (2021, January 5). What is surgical smoke and what can be done about it? *UIC Today*. <https://today.uic.edu/what-is-surgical-smoke-and-what-can-be-done-about-it>

University of Illinois Chicago. (2021, January 7). What is surgical smoke and what can be done about it? *Newswise.com*. <https://www.newswise.com/articles/what-is-surgical-smoke-and-what-can-be-done-about-it?ta=home>

Science News. (2021, January 7). What is surgical smoke and what can be done about it? Researchers call for policies and laws mandating the evacuation of surgical smoke from

operating rooms. Sciencedaily.com.  
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/01/210107135703.htm>

Relias Media. (2021, January 13). Papers detail hazards of surgical smoke. ReliasMedia.com.  
<https://www.reliasmedia.com/articles/147452-papers-detail-hazards-of-surgical-smoke>

Same Day Surgery magazine. (2021, January 25). OR teams often exposed to toxic chemicals in surgical smoke. <https://www.reliasmedia.com/articles/147530-or-teams-often-exposed-to-toxic-chemicals-in-surgical-smoke>

Botterman, L. (2021, August 23). Nurse leaders instrumental in new state law ensuring clean air in operating room. <https://today.uic.edu/nurse-leaders-instrumental-in-new-state-law-ensuring-clean-air-in-operating-rooms>

Pennock, J. (2021, August 25). Illinois to go surgical smoke free in 2022. <https://www.aorn.org/article/2021-12-03-Illinois-Smoke-Free-in-2022>

IASCA. (2021, August, 25). Surgical smoke mandate becomes law. <https://il-asca.org/news/surgical-smoke-evacuation-mandate-becomes-law.aspx>

AORN The Periop Life. (2022, January 9). Surgical smoke: Three strategies to engage legislators. <https://www.aorn.org/article/2022-04-25-Surgical-Smoke>

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2024-present	Boardsource
2021-2024	International Council on Surgical Plume
2021-present	American Nurses Association-Illinois
2020-present	Association for Leadership Science in Nursing
2020-2022	Sigma Theta Tau International, Nu Pi at Large Chapter and Alpha Lambda Chapter
2019-present	Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
2018-2019	American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
2017-present	American Organization of Nursing Leadership
2013-present	Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders
2012-2017	Sigma Theta Tau International, Nu Pi at Large Chapter
2012-present	Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
2012-present	American Nurses Association Affiliate member

## **PEER REVIEW**

### **National Review**

2021 External invited expert reviewer: Guidelines for author manuscripts. *Journal of School Nursing*.

## **Manuscript Review**

- 2024-present Annals of Surgery (1 review)
- 2023-present Perioperative Care and Operating Room Management (1 review)
- 2022-present Journal of Perianesthesia Nursing (10 reviews)
- 2022-present Nursing Open (2 reviews)
- 2020-present Journal of School Nursing (5 reviews)
- 2012-present AORN Journal (18 reviews)

## **SERVICE**

### **International Service**

- 2023-2024 Canadian Standards Association, Technical Subcommittee: Perioperative Safety Technical Committee, appointed member to write the new standards for CSA Z386 - Safe use of lasers in health care; CSA Z305.13 - Plume scavenging in surgical, diagnostic therapeutic, and aesthetic settings; CSA Z387 - Safe use of electro-surgical medical devices
- 2022-2024 AORN e-Chapter Board of Directors, elected position
- 2022-2024 International Council on Surgical Plume (ICSP) and Association for Perioperative Practice (AfPP) Surgical Plume Alliance, member

### **National Service**

#### ***Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Denver, CO***

- 2025-2026 AORN Artificial Intelligence Taskforce, Board member liaison, appointed position
- 2024-2026 AORN Board of Directors, elected position
- 2024-2026 AORN Journal Editorial Board, Board member liaison, appointed position
- 2024-2025 AORN Continuing Education Committee, Board member liaison, appointed position
- 2024-2025 AORN Nurse Scientist Specialty Assembly, Board member liaison, appointed position

- 2023-2024 AORN Sterile Processing Specialty Assembly, Board member liaison, appointed position
- 2023-2024 AORN Nursing Clinical Practice Committee, Board member liaison, appointed position
- 2022-2025 AORN National Research Committee, Board member liaison, appointed position
- 2022-2024 AORN Board of Directors, elected position
- 2022-present Associate Editor, AORN Novice Nurse Digital Publication. *The Stitch: Putting the Pieces Together for Novice Perioperative Nurses*
- 2021-2022 AORN Roundtable for member engagement, member
- 2021-present AORN Mentor Program: Serves as a mentor to AORN members
- 2021-2022 AORN National Research Committee member, appointed by the AORN Board of Directors
- 2020-2021 AORN National Taskforce to Define the Role of the DNP in Perioperative Services
- April 2020 Invited subject matter expert at the AORN Global Conference and Expo Safe Patient Handling Simulation session (Conference cancelled)
- 2020 AORN Periop 101 subject matter expert
- 2019-2022 AORN Journal Correspondent for Peri-Op Briefing column
- 2019-2021 AORN Leadership Specialty Assembly, Education council chair
- 2019-2020 AORN National Research Committee member
- March 2019 Invited subject matter expert at the AORN Global Conference and Expo Safe Patient Handling Simulation session
- 2018-present AORN Leadership Specialty Assembly, member
- 2017-2018 AORN Periop 202 Subject Matter Expert, orthopedic modules
- 2015-present Delegate for AORN Congress

## **Legislative Advocacy**

- 2024 Delivered a 2-minute speech at a press conference at the Illinois State Capitol in support of companion legislation SB3669/HB5386, Wetlands and Small Streams Protection Act.
- 2024 Met with members of Congress in Washington D.C. to advocate for tighter EPA Standards to address climate change through the Climate for Action Campaign and Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Work Environments (AHNE).
- 2022 Co-leader in Illinois based grassroots coalition to advocate for SB3011, Surgical Smoke Plume Evacuation clean-up bill for Public Act 102-533 Surgical Smoke Plume Evacuation. SB3011 enacted into law 5/6/2022
- 2021-present Illinois Council of periOperative Registered Nurses (ICORN), Legislative State Coordinator
- 2020-2021 Co-leader in Illinois based grassroots coalition to advocate for surgical smoke plume evacuation legislation in Illinois (SB3753; SB1908). SB1908 enacted into law on 8/20/2021
- 2019-2022 Legislative Chair, Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Chapter 1404

## **Regional Service**

- 2016-2017 President, Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Chapter 1404
- 2015-2016 President-Elect, Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Chapter 1404
- 2014-2015 Secretary, Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Chapter 1404

## **Local Service**

- 2016-2019 Graduate Nurse Residency Council
- 2016-2019 Second Victims Support Steering Committee
- 2016-2019 Surgical Smoke Evacuation Taskforce
- 2014-2015 Chair, Memorial Medical Center, Professional Development Council
- 2013-2015 Chair, Memorial Medical Center, Surgery Unit-Based Council

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO SERVICE**

### **College of Nursing**

- 2024-present Big Ten Academic Alliance Nursing Informatics Collaborative: Appointed by the Dean to serve as a member. Co-Leader for Domain 8 workgroup
- 2023-2025 DNP Curriculum Revisions Committee
- 2021-2025 DNP virtual poster session moderator and coordinator (Summer 2021, 2022, & 2023, 2024)

### **Population Health Nursing Science Department**

- 2022-present Advisory and Search Committee (Ex-Officio)
- 2021-2025 Faculty annual productivity peer review team (Coordinator 2023-present)
- 2019-2022 Advisory and Search Committee (Member)
- 2019-2020 Faculty Retreat Planning Committee (Co-Chair)

## **TEACHING**

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice Project Faculty Mentor**

University of Illinois Chicago

Arotile, Y. (2025). *The Role of Patient Behavior in Inpatient Falls: A Crucial Factor to Consider*

Hill, K. (2025). *Improving Mammography Screening Rates for Women of Color.*

Manslano, P. (2025). *Standardization of Tissue Management in the Operating Room.*

Bernadino, M. (2025). *Improvement of Staff Nurse Retention and Satisfaction Through Mentorship.*

Klass, E. (2024). *Enhancing Role Clarity for Oncology Clinical Research Nurse.*

Davis, K. (2024). *Leveraging vulnerability data to inform support of the healthcare workforce.*

Mogle, M. (2022). *Implementing a self-assessment tool melanoma screening tool to identify at risk patients in an aesthetic practice.*

Young, I. (2022). *Improving Patient Outcomes Through a Compassion- Based Program*.

Miller, V. (2022). *Frailty Assessment in Pre-Kidney Transplant Recipients: Improving Risk Prediction*.

Owens, J. (2021). *Implementation of an advanced practice provider orientation for hematology-oncology APPs*.

Ostapovych, U. (2020). *Surgical smoke evacuation*.

## **Courses Taught**

University of Illinois Chicago

(CC-course coordinator, PC-Practicum coordinator)

Doctor of Nursing Practice

2023	Data Driven Healthcare Improvement
2023-2025	Nursing Information Systems and Technology (CC)
2022	Healthcare Economics
2018-2024	Strategic and Financial Planning for Clinical Programs (CC)
2019-2024	Clinical Options for Leadership in Population Health Nursing (CC)
2021-2024	DNP Projects, Evidence-Based Practice 4 and 5 (CC)
2020	Leading Transformation of Healthcare Systems (CC)
2019	Nursing Information Systems and Technology

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSE**

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation- Registered Nurse, # I041384521, 2010-2026.

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

American Nurses Credentialing Center, Board Certified in Nurse Executive, Advanced, #2021014813, 2021-2026

Competency and Credentialing Institute, Certified nurse in operating room nursing, #1644115, 2013-2028

Management and Strategy Institute, Certified in Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, # 64220797, 2021-current

Memorial Health System, Springfield, IL, Certified as Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, attained August 2016

TeamSTEPPS Master Trainer certificate, attained March 2015