

AMSN 30th Annual Medical-Surgical Nursing Convention

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 3, 2021

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Join us as we celebrate all that is strong
about AMSN and med-surg nursing.

This year AMSN is proud to be celebrating its 30th annual convention. As always, we stand with our nurses, and we know this year will be hard, as was 2020.

It is important to remember to take time for you. We encourage all med-surg nurses worldwide to make it your year.

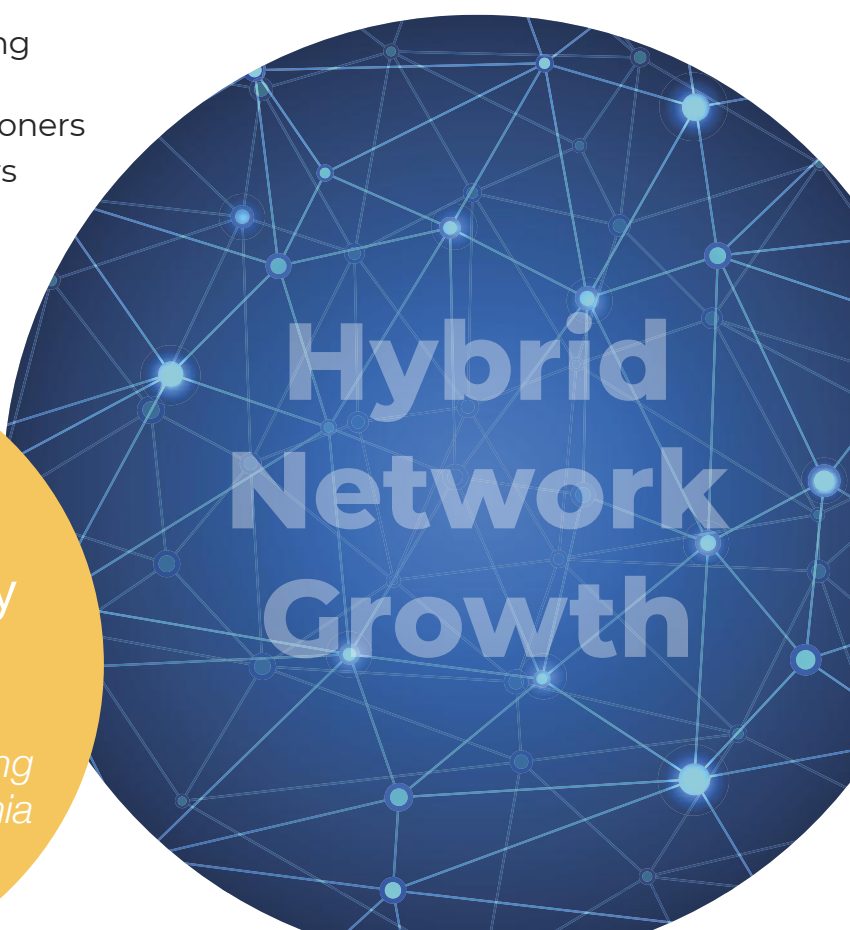
We look forward to having you as part of our hybrid annual convention to invest in yourselves, your networks, and your growth. Take a moment to be with your med-surg family for a few beautiful days this year for our AMSN Hybrid 30th Annual Convention.

Who Will Benefit?

- Clinical Nurses
- Care Coordinators
- Nurse Leaders
- Nurse Educators
- Nurse Managers
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Clinical Nursing Supervisors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Administrators
- Researchers
- Students

“I felt like I got the
opportunity to really
connect with other
nurses.”

*Sidney Irving
Santa Cruz, California*



Hybrid
Network
Growth

Featured Speakers

Opening Address, Thursday, September 30, 2021

Terry Foster, MSN, RN, FAEN, CCRN, CPEN, TCRN, CEN, was originally a 1977 LPN graduate of Booth Memorial Hospital School of Practical Nursing in Covington, Kentucky. After working for 4 years as an LPN in both the emergency department and ICU, he received his RN diploma from The Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Cincinnati, and in 1997 received his master's degree in critical-care and trauma nursing from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and Health. He has held positions of volunteer, ward clerk, staff nurse, charge nurse, critical-care instructor, clinical director and night supervisor, at both the Mercy Hospitals of Cincinnati, Ohio, and at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in northern Kentucky. His primary areas of nursing experience have always been in the emergency department and critical-care units where he has national certifications in critical-care nursing, emergency nursing, pediatric emergency nursing, and trauma nursing.

Terry has authored more than 40 professional publications in various textbooks, nursing, and health care journals. He has lectured on a wide variety of clinical topics at nursing seminars and conferences throughout the USA, having given a total of over 5000 formal presentations, covering all 50 states by the time he turned 50 years old. Nationally he is a well-known and sought-after speaker on nursing humor, as well as clinical topics on critical-care and emergency nursing. Since 1998, Terry has been the critical-care clinical nurse specialist in the six emergency departments at St. Elizabeth Healthcare (a Magnet-designated hospital) in Edgewood, Kentucky. In June 2017, Terry was promoted to the dual role of ambassador for the St. Elizabeth Foundation along with his position as a clinical nurse specialist in the emergency departments. He has been employed in this six-hospital system since 1975.



Keynote Address, Friday, October 1, 2021

Susan Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Adviser for Nursing, joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1997. In this role, she shapes and leads the foundation's nursing strategies in an effort to create a higher quality of care in the United States for people, families, and communities. In partnership with AARP, Hassmiller directs the foundation's Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, which seeks to ensure that everyone in America can live a healthier life, supported by a system in which nurses are essential partners in providing care and promoting health. She is also serving as co-director of the Future of Nursing Scholars program, an initiative that provides scholarships, mentoring, and leadership development activities and post-doctoral research funding to build the leadership capacity of nurse educators and researchers. Previously, Hassmiller served with the Health Resources and Services Administration, where she was the executive director of the U.S. Public Health Service Primary Care Policy Fellowship and worked on other national and international primary care initiatives. She also has worked in public health settings at the local and state level and taught community health nursing at the University of Nebraska and George Mason University in Virginia.

Hassmiller, who has been very involved with the Red Cross in many capacities, was a member of the National Board of Governors for the American Red Cross, serving as chair of the Disaster and Chapter Services Committee and national chair of the 9/11 Recovery Program. She is currently a member of the National Nursing Committee and is serving as immediate past board chair for the Central New Jersey Red Cross. Hassmiller is a member of the Institute of Medicine, now called the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, a member of the Joint Commission's National Nurse Advisory Council, Hackensack Meridian Health System Board of Directors, and the CMS National Nurse Steering Committee. Hassmiller received a PhD in nursing administration and health policy from George Mason University, master's degrees in health education from Florida State University and community health nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Florida State University. She is the recipient of numerous national awards in addition to receiving the distinguished alumna award for all the schools of nursing from which she graduated and three honorary doctoral degrees. Most notably, Hassmiller is the 2009 recipient of the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international honor given to a nurse by the International Committee of the Red Cross.



Closing Keynote, Sunday, October 3, 2021

Tim Cunningham, DrPH, RN, FAAN, is an actor, clown, emergency nurse, assistant professor and VP in a large health system. Tim has worked in 23 countries outside of the US. His global experiences have exposed him to both extreme suffering and extreme resilience. Tim has witnessed profound loss and impossible hope. His presentations and workshops pull from an array of variegated experiences that hone in on the core human tenets of resilience and creativity. From keynotes to commencement remarks, from workshops to lectures and coaching, Tim's work is interactive and unique. It sticks. It inspires.



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 - Registration package options designed to fit your budget
 - Earn up to 50 nursing continuing professional development (NCPD) contact hours
 - AMSN Online Library access with additional on-demand content
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Details

- Need to print your registration so you can enclose a check? We've got you covered! See final page of this PDF for registration form.
 - Want to attend a session you missed? Log in to the AMSN Online Library 3 weeks after the convention. Your unlimited access is included with your registration.
 - Have questions? We have answers! Call us at 866-877-2676 or email amsn@amsn.org.
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Discounts

- Early Bird Rate – Register early and save on Convention Package in-person or virtual options!
- AMSN Member Discount – AMSN members save \$100 on registration. To be eligible for the member rate, you must be an AMSN member through October 31, 2021. If your membership expires prior to October 31, 2021, you may renew your membership at the same time you register for the convention to qualify for the member rate.
- AMSN Member Group Discount – Save \$25 per registration when three or more members register at the same time. To qualify, all registrations must be submitted together via mail or fax only. Save \$100 when you combine the Early Bird Special and the Group Discount.

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you need.

“This is the first virtual convention I attended and I wasn’t disappointed... topics were relevant with the current crisis we have and for the presenters to prepare their material in a limited time is amazing! Congratulations to all the organizers, committees, and speakers!”

*Jean Marie Rongey, BSN, RN
Yuba City, CA*

Convention Schedule

We look forward to welcoming you to the AMSN Hybrid 30th Annual Convention, whether it is in Orlando with safety precautions in place or on the screen of your favorite streaming device. Either way, we'll be together. This year, we need that feeling of solidarity more than ever. Register today to get great content from the AMSN Convention, even if you can't be in Orlando in person. With our virtual live-stream option, you can view select live sessions and chat with other virtual attendees from the comfort of your home or office - no travel required! Sessions that will be streamed live are to be determined, but all virtual and in-person attendees will have access to recorded content from select sessions for up to 2 years and will be able to earn up to 50 contact hours for live and on-demand content. We'll be so happy to connect with you again at the AMSN Convention – digitally or onsite!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

All times listed are in Eastern daylight time (EDT) zone.

10:00 am – 7:00 pm **Registration Open**

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

100 **Convention Orientation**

Learn how to navigate the convention and get the most from your experience.

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

101 **Networking**

Join AMSN and MSNCB staff, board members, and fellow attendees for a casual networking event after the orientation session. Win some awesome prizes, enjoy some light food and refreshments, and make forever friends!

4:15 pm – 6:30 pm **Opening Ceremonies/Opening Address (1.25 CH)**

102 **COVID Power Talk: Taking Stock during a Pandemic**

Terry Foster, MSN, RN, FAEN, CCRN, CPEN, TCRN, CEN

Since March, the world of health care has been turned upside down. Patient demands, challenging work environments, and burnout have been at an all-time high. The intensity, urgency, and uncertainty are daily stressors. In this program, Terry Foster discusses some of his most meaningful experiences—both good and bad—during this pandemic. You will learn ideas for how to maintain a healthy attitude, convey positivity, and a “can do” approach in the workplace, and by all means, use humor as a proven coping mechanism—even in the darkest of times. You and your staff deserve to hear this talk. Sit back, listen, laugh, and relax. You've earned it.

Convention registrants may access the online recording of this session in the AMSN Online Library for 30 days after the recording of the session is made available. This session will not be available in the Online Library after that date.

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm

103 **Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall**

Enjoy light food and beverages as you network and visit with exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall. The vendors will show you the latest products, technologies, and publications to enhance your practice. Be sure to visit the AMSN booth in the Exhibit Hall and discover more about the association and member benefits. The AMSN booth also features information from the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB), the affiliate certification organization of AMSN.

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm **Poster Viewing**

Poster presentations will spotlight the efforts of colleagues and medical-surgical units around the world.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

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8:00 am – 5:00 pm **Registration Open**

8:00 am – 9:30 am **Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall**

8:00 am – 10:00 pm **Poster Viewing**

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9:30 am – 10:40 am

**Presentation of AMSN Anthony J. Jannetti Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Health Care
Keynote Address (1.0 CH)**

104 How Med-Surg Nurses Can Shape the Future of Nursing

Susan Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN

The Future of Nursing: 2020-2030, released in the spring of 2021, laid out priority areas for the nursing field during the next decade, including advancing health equity. Dr. Susan Hassmiller will describe how med-surg nurses can help to tackle the major issues of our time, including improving nursing well-being, advancing health equity, and promoting nursing leadership.

10:45 am – 11:15 am **Exhibit Hall Open/Coffee Break**

11:15 am – 12:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions (1.25 CH)**

111 Clinical Leadership in Front-Line Nurses

L *Terry Jones, PhD, RN*

This session will discuss the important role that nurses on the front line of clinical care play and the factors that enhance leadership practices and promote patient care quality.

112 Assessing Acute Abdominal Pain: A Practical Review

C *Peter Buch, MD, FACC, AGAF, FACP*

This interactive practical session will review the typical and atypical gastrointestinal (GI) presentations of pain as well as important non-GI sources of pain. Case studies will be used to address key points. Attendees will leave with a virtual clinical toolbox to help in the diagnosis and management of acute abdominal pain.

113 Moral Injury in Nursing: Fractured Hearts and Wounded Souls

E/H *Terri Hinkley, EdD, MBA, BScN, RN, CAE; Patricia Pittman, PhD*

Many nurses are familiar with the term moral distress, which is defined as "knowing the right thing to do but being in a situation in which it is nearly impossible to do it" (Jameton, 2017). Moral injury is a concept first defined and witnessed in military veterans when they bore witness to, or participated in, activities that ran counter to their individual moral code. Moral injury results in profound harm to the individual and can result in PTSD-like symptoms and maladaptive coping mechanisms and may lead to suicide. Exploration of this concept is just starting in the nursing profession and a research study is underway to understand nurses' experiences with moral injury. This session will examine the concept of moral injury, the system level issues contributing to moral injury, and the initial findings of the research project and will discuss and present potential solutions.

114 The Role of Peer Review in Scholarly Publication

E/S *Dottie Roberts, EdD, MSN, MACI, RN, OCNS-C, CMSRN, CNE*

This focus of this session will include the professional benefits to the peer reviewer in scholarly publication, general overview of the review process, methods for how to write an effective review, the value of the marked manuscript, and ways of communication regarding publication decision.

115 Identifying Frailty Risk using EHR Nursing Data for ICU Transfer and Mortality

G *Deborah Lekan, PhD, RN-BC; Marjorie Jenkins, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE*

This session examines how frailty, when characterized using EHR clinical data, can be used in risk prediction models to identify patients at high risk for adverse outcomes. Focus also will be given to the need for increased resource-intensive care and individualized nursing care planning to help prevent clinical deterioration, which can lead to ICU transfer and in-hospital mortality.

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12:30 pm – 12:45 pm **Pick Up Box Lunch**

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm **Concurrent Lunch and Learn Sessions (1.0 CH)**

121 Improving Patient Outcomes through Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification

L/S Norma McNair, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAHA; Rebecca Lash, PhD, RN

This session will explore a pilot study done to address the impact of nursing certification on nurse-sensitive patient outcomes.

122 Marijuana: Patient Care Issues

C Joan Frizzell, PhD, CRNP, ANP-BC

This session will explore the challenges nurses face in caring for a patient who uses marijuana.

123 Career Development Relationships: Why You Should Care

H/S Linda H. Yoder, PhD, MBA, RN, AOCN, FAAN

This session will explore the five career development relationships (CDRs) and how they fit into a career trajectory.

124 EBP Initiative of Capnography for Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression

E Jill Arzouman, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CMSRN, RYT200

Opioid-induced respiratory depression (OIRD) can rapidly lead to full-blown respiratory failure. This session will explore why capnography is a valuable assessment tool to determine the cause and severity of a patient's respiratory distress and guide decisions on and use of treatment options. It will also delineate steps for creating a multidisciplinary EBP initiative in a multi-hospital system.

125 Writing a Successful AMSN PRISM Application

L/S Tuesday Adams, MSN, RN-BC

This session will provide updated guidance for submitting a successful PRISM application.

1:45 pm – 3:30 pm **Exhibit Hall Open/Beverage Break**

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm **General Session (1.25 CH)**

130 The Role of Bias in Health Care Inequities

Robin Hertel, EdS, MSN, RN, CMSRN; Susan Swayze, PhD, MBA, MA

Inequities in quality health care are well documented, and most of us have seen this in our professional lives. Our faculty will explore the background of this complex issue and provide specific techniques to address the conscious and unconscious biases that are the background for these inequities.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

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7:00 am – 10:00 pm **Poster Viewing**

Poster presentations will spotlight the efforts of colleagues and medical-surgical units around the world.

8:00 am – 5:00 pm **Registration Open**

8:30 am – 9:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

9:30 am – 11:00 am **Town Hall (1.25 CH)**

201 AMSN's 30th Anniversary and Charting the Future of Med-Surg Nursing

Jennifer Kennedy, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CNE, CNE-cl, NPD-BC

This session will feature a town hall discussion about the future of medical-surgical nursing and how AMSN has and continues to meet the changing needs of the medical-surgical nurse in their practice environment.

11:00 am – 11:15 am **Coffee Break**

11:15 am – 12:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions (1.25 CH)**

211 RN Leadership: The Incredible Journey

L *Elisa Romero, MSN, RN, CMSRN*

In this interactive presentation, attendees will learn about the stages of leadership and the qualities demonstrated and needed to be successful.

212 Monoclonal Antibodies

C *Noelle Clark, MSN, RN, OCN, NPD-BC*

This session will explore the use of monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of diseases and discuss the role they play relative to treatment in the current COVID-19 pandemic.

213 Working with Risk Management

H *Maureen Murphy, BS-HCA, RN, CMSRN; Sarah Bush, MBA, CPHRM*

This session will discuss working with risk management issues in the nursing practice environment.

214 A Multi-Modal Approach to Improve Communication in the Inpatient Setting during COVID-19

E *Courtney Brumit, BSN, RN; Alissa Schick, MSN, RN, NE-BC; Deborah Gordon, MSN, MHA, RN, NE-BC*

Explore how a large urban academic medical center piloted and implemented a standardized virtual communication model to improve patient care on an acute care telemetry COVID-19 containment unit.

215 Harnessing the Power of the Electronic Health Record to Reduce Rapid Responses and Mortality

G/E *Cristen Mackwell, MSN, RN, CMSRN, NPD-BC; Lourdes Porter, BSN, RN, PCCN*

Utilizing an interdisciplinary, evidence-based approach to decreasing in-hospital events is crucial in reducing mortality. This session will discuss a quality improvement project developed to identify and intervene for at-risk patients and reduce rapid response events and decrease the mortality index.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch on Your Own**

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm **Concurrent Sessions (1.25 CH)**

221 Am I a Psychiatric Nurse Too?

L *Cherie Rebar, PhD, MBA, RN, COI; Nicole M. Heimgartner, DNP, RN, COI*

This presentation discusses the evolution of psychiatric-mental health needs in the medical-surgical patient population and equips the med-surg nurse with tools to recognize, react, and refer patients appropriately.

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222 AV Blocks: What Every Med-Surg Nurse Needs to Know

C Allison Perkins, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC

This presentation will utilize a variety of teaching methods to empower nurses' confidence in identifying different types of AV blocks.

223 How to Get There from Here: How to Improve Patient Safety in Your Medical-Surgical Department

H Ellen Evans, MN, MPH, CPHQ, CJCP, CPPS, RN

This presentation will outline steps to take to improve the culture of safety at a departmental level.

224 How "Smart" Are IV Smart Pumps?

G Karen Giuliano, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN; Jeannine Blake, MS, RN

This session will review the body of evidence on intravenous smart pump usability and infusion-related medication administration errors in the context of acute care nursing practice. A variety of technical issues, which include the impact of manufacturer set-up requirements on flow rate accuracy for both primary and secondary infusions and the impact of dead space on medication infusion, will be discussed, along with an overview of the presenting team's program of IVSP research.

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Beverage Break

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (1.25 CH)

231 Telehealth: An Emerging Frontier of Medical-Surgical Practice

L Julie Alban, DNP, MPH, RN-BC, CCCTM

One of the big health services that has grown with the COVID-19 pandemic is the use of telehealth. This session will discuss care coordination and transition management (CCTM) and highlight utilization of telehealth as a care modality. Discussion will include medical-surgical nurses' knowledge and awareness on CCTM and role of telehealth.

This session is sponsored by the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing.

232 A to Z: Event-Focused Rapid Response Teams

C Maria Hamidi, MSN, RN, NPD-BC; Darlene Lovasik, MN, RN, CCRN-K, CCTN

This presentation will describe the development and implementation of rapid response teams (RRTs), the role of mock codes in assessing the performance of the RRTs, and the function of the code review committee to report/resolve clinical issues that are identified during process/quality review.

233 Standardized Discharge Planning Process to Reduce Patients' Length of Stay

H Laila Moosa, DNPc, MSN, RN, PHN, CMSRN

This session will discuss how a standardized discharge planning process results in safe and coordinated care and reduces length of stay in patients.

234 Evidence-Based Practice, Quality Improvement, and Research, Oh My!!

E/S Cristen Mackwell, MSN, RN, CMSRN, NPD-BC

Participants will leave this session with a better understanding of evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and research, with the goal to bring the information back to their institution to help elevate practice and improve patient outcomes.

235 Thinning Out the "Fluff": Current Trends in Anticoagulant Therapies

G Christy Greenhalgh, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC; Rachael Sweeney, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC

This session will discuss the latest in anticoagulation therapy, including guidelines for usage, advantages, and disadvantages of new medications in the market, side effects, and what to teach patients.

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8:30 am – 1:30 pm **Registration Open**

8:30 am – 9:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

9:30 am – 10:30 am **General Session (1.0 CH)**

301 Legal and Malpractice Issues in Nursing

Robin Axtell, BSN, RN, LNCC

This session will discuss what legal issues nurses need to be aware of and how to protect themselves if they are involved in a medical malpractice lawsuit.

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Beverage Break**

10:45 am – 11:45 am **General Session (1.0 CH)**

302 Supporting Transgender Patients in Healthcare

Connor Wesley, BSN, RN

This session will help nurses to understand the barriers that transgender patients face when accessing care and discuss the tools to support them.

11:45 am – 12:15 pm **President's Address/Closing Remarks**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Closing General Session (1.0 CH)**

303 The Art of the Pivot: Growth, Change, Wins, and Losses through the Pandemic

Tim Cunningham, DrPH, RN, FAAN

This interactive closing keynote will explore the "art of the pivot" and acknowledge, celebrate, and also kindly honor the spaces that we've worked through since the beginnings of the pandemic. Through a lens of post-traumatic growth, we'll close the conference together with a sense of hope and well-being.

1:30 pm **Adjourn**

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Registration & General Information

Hotel Information

Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate

1500 Masters Boulevard
ChampionsGate, FL 33896

The Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate has been designated as the official hotel for the 2021 AMSN Annual Convention. A block of rooms has been secured at the special rate of **\$179 for single/double occupancy**. This rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes, currently 14.5%.

Check-in is 4pm and check-out is 11am.

To receive the convention rate:

Online hotel reservations: Visit convention.amsn.org

Hotel reservations: Call 1-407-390-6664 and refer to the AMSN Annual Convention.

The convention rate is available through **August 27, 2021, or until the room block is full**. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

Important Notice: No AMSN staff or hired housing agency will call you to handle hotel reservations. Hotel reservations should be made via the AMSN reservation link or directly with the hotel. Any calls or emails requesting direct information for hotel reservations are a scam. Hang up or delete these emails and do not give any personal information.

Airport/Transportation

The hotel is approximately 26 miles from Orlando International Airport (MCO). One-way taxi cost from MCO to hotel is approximately \$82; one-way taxi cost from hotel to MCO is approximately \$100. Rate applies for 1 to 4 passengers.

Rates subject to change.

Parking

Valet Parking: \$32 per day/night

Self-Parking: \$18 daytime/\$24 overnight guests

Rates subject to change.

Weather

In September, Orlando has highs in the upper 80s and the low 70s. Hotel convention room temperatures may vary, so please remember to bring a sweater or light jacket. We suggest you also bring comfortable walking shoes for your convention activities.

Payment Policy, Fees, and Confirmation Notice

Registrations will be processed only when accompanied by full payment. If a check is returned by the bank for insufficient funds, full payment must include an additional \$30 for bank processing charges and must be paid with a cashier's check, money order, or credit card. If payment is not received by the National Office prior to the convention, you may pay the full amount onsite. If you do not receive registration confirmation one week prior to the meeting, contact the AMSN National Office at 866-877-2676 or amsn@amsn.org. Purchase orders are not accepted as payment. (All fees are in U.S. dollars.)

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Cancellations and Substitutions

Cancellations and substitutions must be requested in writing. We will be happy to refund your registration fee, less a \$75 administration fee, if received prior to August 13, 2021. No refunds will be made after this date. AMSN membership dues are non-refundable and non-transferable. All other monies will be returned to the party who originally issued payment. If you are unable to attend, a substitution may be made. If your substitute is not an AMSN member, additional fees may apply. In the event AMSN should find it necessary to cancel or postpone this convention or sessions for any reason including, but not limited to, registration responses, strikes, pandemics, or acts of God, AMSN will not be liable for registrants' expenses. In whatever manner the cancellation/postponement is ultimately resolved, AMSN will act responsibly to protect members' and registrants' investment in the convention and association.

Guest Registration

Guest registration for the Opening Reception on the evening of Thursday, September 30, is \$60. Guest badges may be purchased as part of the convention registration process. Upon onsite arrival, guests must pick up their own registration badge and complete a COVID Waiver and Release of Liability.

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Earn up to 50 hours for your professional development, certification renewal, and relicensure.

This convention is jointly provided by Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc. and the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses.

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Online Library and Convention Handouts

The AMSN Online Library gives you even more value with your registration. All attendees receive free access to convention sessions in the library. Listen to sessions you may have missed live or revisit courses you found interesting. Content will be available approximately 3 weeks after the convention, so be sure to take advantage of this additional learning experience at your convenience. Your other library benefits and options include the following:

- Session handouts available to print 2 weeks before convention.
- Evaluate sessions online (onsite or after the convention).
- Access your NCPD certificates in the library and print any time.

On-Demand Sessions

On-demand sessions are automatically included with convention registration and feature pre-recorded content to enhance convention offerings. On-demand convention sessions will be available for up to two years via the AMSN Online Library.

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