

# AORN Priorities for Perioperative Nursing Research

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## **For which topic were research priorities identified?**

perioperative nursing

## **In which location was the research priority setting conducted?**

North America - USA

## **Why was it conducted at all?**

AORN needs current information to promote and support priority perioperative nursing research. Thus far, no priorities for research have been defined

## **What was the objective?**

to identify topics for priority perioperative nursing research

## **What was the outcome?**

a ranking list of 10 research topics

## **How long did the research prioritization take?**

No information provided.

## **Which methods were used to identify research priorities?**

Delphi

## **How were the priorities for research identified exactly?**

Step 1: Delphi round 1: participants were prompted with the question: What should be the primary focus for the Association's research efforts?, participants were then asked to list five specific issues related to a-priori identified focus areas, 1146 issues submitted. Step 2: data processing: 65 research topics identified from submissions. Step 3: Delphi round 2: participants were asked to rate priority of each of the 65 topics. Step 4: Delphi round 3: participants were asked to re-rate topics and provide rationale for rating. Step 5: Delphi round 4: participants were asked to re-rate topics and to re-evaluate their ratings from round 3 based on mean scores, individual scores and summary of collective rationale

## **Which stakeholders took part?**

Perioperative nurses: more than one third had 11 to 20 years of perioperative nursing experience. Overall, 286 nurses took part.

## **How were stakeholders recruited?**

A call for experts was placed in the AORN Journal and Inside AORN. Those interested in participating were invited to submit resumes or curriculum vitae for review. Also, AORN leaders and AORN volunteers were invited. Overall, it was a convenience sample.

## **Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?**

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.