The AMSN Convention will help you:

- Boost your knowledge and confidence
- Open new professional doors
- Rediscover your passion for nursing

Featured Speakers
Jean Watson
Anne Ryder

October 20-25, 2010
Las Vegas, NV

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Dear Colleagues

The Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) and the Program Planning Committee are pleased to invite you to our 19th Annual Convention. You will have an incredible array of topics from which to choose, all presented by outstanding faculty.

The convention is a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues and friends, as well as meet exceptional nurses from around the world. You’ll enjoy exhibits presented by leading health care companies, view poster presentations, and discover many rewarding ways to get involved at the local and national levels.

Attendees have told us in the past that the convention helped accelerate their careers and improve their patient care skills. They also said the event gives them a greater appreciation of themselves and the nursing profession.

So please join us at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas and enjoy everything the convention and this exciting city have to offer!

Gloria Hurst, BSN, RN, CMSRN
Program Planning Committee Chairperson

Get complete information online at www.amsn.org/conv

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Featured Speakers

Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, is Distinguished Professor of Nursing and holds an endowed Chair in Caring Science at the University of Colorado Denver and Anschutz Medical Center Campus. She is founder of the original Center for Human Caring in Colorado and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She is a widely published author and recipient of several awards and honors including an international Kellogg Fellowship in Australia and a Fulbright Research Award in Sweden. She is also Founder and Director of the Watson Caring Science Institute, a new nonprofit foundation. Dr. Watson will be awarded AMSN’s “Anthony J. Jannetti Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Health Care” prior to her presentation Friday, October 22.

Anne Ryder, president of Ryder Media LLC, is a freelance journalist, writer, and national speaker. Her reporting has taken her around the world, from war-time Bosnia, to Calcutta, India. Anne has interviewed the Dalai Lama and was also granted a sit-down interview with Mother Teresa, the final interview the nun gave before her death. Anne created “Hope to Tell” – stories that celebrate hope, faith, and the resilience of the human spirit.

She has earned 16 regional Emmy Awards and five national honors, including two Edward R. Murrow awards for excellence in television.
Who Should Attend?

✦ Staff Nurses ✦ Nurse Practitioners
✦ Nurse Educators ✦ Administrators
✦ Nurse Managers ✦ Students
✦ Clinical Nurse Specialists ✦ Researchers

Why Attend?

✦ You’ll discover better ways to do your job, every day.
✦ Our speakers are nursing’s most esteemed and inspiring experts.
✦ In-depth education sessions feature the latest information available.
✦ Your colleagues are waiting to welcome you and share knowledge, experiences, and laughter!

Participants’ Feedback

“This convention is always the best way to reconnect with our specialty, recharge the batteries, and be re-energized.”
— Caroline Ashman, Grayson, GA

“This was my first AMSN convention, but it will definitely not be my last! This is a great forum for med-surg nurses and I would highly recommend it to all nurses.”
— Isabella Bergeron, Okinawa, Japan

“I am exhilarated following the convention; filled with ideas and new-found knowledge.”
— Robin Hertel, Hays, KS

“I enjoy the variety of topics, posters, and exhibits! The opportunities for networking are great too!”
— Sharon Taylor, Columbus, IN

All testimonials are feedback from attendees following the AMSN 2009 Convention in Washington, DC. (Used with permission.)
Program-at-a-Glance

**Tuesday, October 19, 2010**
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration Open

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010**
6:30 am – 10:00 am Registration Open
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration Open
7:15 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Registrants
7:45 am – 5:00 pm Medical-Surgical Overview/Certification Review Course (Day 1 of 2)

**Thursday, October 21, 2010**
6:45 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open
7:15 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Registrants
7:45 am – 2:45 pm Pre-Convention Workshops
Medical-Surgical Overview/Certification Review Course (Day 2 of 2)
Clinical Workshop
Research Workshop
Leadership Workshop
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm First-Time Attendees Orientation
4:15 pm – 6:30 pm Opening Ceremonies & Opening Address – Anne Ryder
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/View Posters

**Friday, October 22, 2010**
6:30 am – 5:30 pm Registration Open
7:00 am – 7:30 am Continental Breakfast
7:30 am – 8:45 am Keynote Address - Jean Watson
8:45 am – 10:45 am Exhibit Hall Open/View Posters
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Concurrent Sessions
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch & Learn Sessions – Pick up Box Lunch
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm Refreshment Break/Exhibits Open/Poster Viewing
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Special Sessions

**Saturday, October 23, 2010**
7:00 am – 5:15 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:15 am General Session
9:30 am – 10:45 am Concurrent Sessions
11:00 am – 12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
12:15 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch on Your Own – Posters Open
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Refreshment Break
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

**Sunday, October 24, 2010**
7:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:15 am General Session
9:30 am – 12:00 pm Awards/Membership Meeting/Town Hall

**Monday, October 25, 2010**
7:30 am – 8:00 am Check in for CMSRN Exam
8:00 am – 12:00 pm CMSRN Exam

What You’ll Take Home

This program will provide you tools to:

- **Increase** your knowledge base related to caring as the underpinning of nursing practice.
- **Examine** the latest innovations and technology to fine-tune your skills and competencies related to increasingly complex medical-surgical patients.
- **Transform** your practice by increasing your knowledge about medical-surgical patients through evidence-based information and networking with colleagues.

Online Library and Convention Handouts

AMSN hosts a **GREEN** convention, meaning less paper, less waste, less hassle, and more benefits for you!
- **Free access to convention education sessions through the AMSN Online Library.** Missing content because you have to choose between sessions is a thing of the past. Approximately 3 weeks after convention, you can visit the online library at [www.polibraries.com/amsn](http://www.polibraries.com/amsn) for live audio and slide presentations of approved education sessions at no additional charge. Download the sessions you missed and listen to them at your convenience.
- **Share AMSN Online Library access to the convention content with two colleagues for free.** (Additional fee for contact hours.)
- **Carry only your session handouts at convention.** Session handouts will be available online for you to print 2 weeks before the convention. This is a great option for you because it eliminates the inconvenience of carrying a bulky program book.
- **Evaluate sessions online, when you return home, or while you are on-site.** Choose what works best for you. You will have about 4 weeks after convention to complete your evaluations.
- **Print your CNE certificates at home.** You won’t have to worry about losing them during your travels. Simply access the certificates online and print whenever you need them post-convention!

Register online at [www.amsn.org/conv](http://www.amsn.org/conv) – Questions? Call 866-877-2676
**Pre-Convention Workshops**

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

6:30 am – 10:00 am; 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Registration Open**

7:15 am – 7:45 am  
**Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Registrants**

7:45 am – 5:00 pm  
**Optional Two-Day Pre-Convention Workshop**  
Separate registration fee required.

010 **Medical-Surgical Overview/Certification Review Course**  
*– 13.75 Contact Hours*  
Sally Russell, MN, CMSRN, CPP

Are you studying for the certification exam? Do you need a review of total body systems? If so, this course is perfect for you. It includes:

- A brief review of the function of each body system
- Fluids and electrolytes
- Common pathological conditions and treatments
- Appropriate nursing interventions

For those taking the exam, there will be a short section on test-taking tips, as well as a review of the CMSRN exam blueprint. There will also be several practice questions at the end of each section to help ease your anxiety about multiple-choice questions.

This course is also ideal for nurses who are:

- New to the specialty
- Transitioning from another practice area
- Seeking to refresh their medical-surgical nursing knowledge

Improve your chances of passing the CMSRN exam. An average of 86% of the nurses who attended the convention review course in 2005-2009 passed the CMSRN exam offered on-site. The overall CMSRN exam pass rate is 80%.

**BIG SAVINGS!** Order your copy of the AMSN Core Curriculum for Medical-Surgical Nursing, 4th Edition, when you register for the review course and save $10 off of the already discounted member price. To get the discount, simply choose the “With Core” option when you register. The book will be sent to you immediately so you can begin studying. For registrations received after October 8, 2010, the Core will be available on-site.

**Thursday, October 21, 2010**

6:45 am – 6:30 pm  
**Registration Open**

7:15 am – 7:45 am  
**Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Workshop Registrants**

**Optional Pre-Convention Workshops**  
Separate registration fee required. Box lunch included.

7:45 am – 2:45 pm  

010 **Medical-Surgical Overview/Certification Review Course**  
(Continued from Wednesday)  
See course description at left.

7:45 am – 2:45 pm  
020 **Clinical Workshop – 5.0 Contact Hours**  
**Defining Respiratory Concepts for Nursing**  
Michael A. Frace, MSN, BSN, RN, RRT

As medical-surgical nurses, our practice involves a great deal of emphasis on respiratory concepts. Arming yourself with the basics of difficult respiratory practices will strengthen your knowledge base and increase your comfort level when dealing with patients with respiratory ailments. This program will begin by reviewing respiratory anatomy and physiology along with related diagnoses, diseases, interventions, and therapies. We will provide a detailed analysis of oxygen delivery devices including tips that every nurse needs to know. After an early morning of the basics, we dive into the big concepts of respiratory care – ABG analysis, chest tubes, and tracheostomy care. You will also have hands-on time to access the equipment we will be discussing.

030 **Research Workshop – 5.0 Contact Hours**  
**Grant Camp: From Idea to Research Proposal**  
Lynne M. Connolly, PhD, RN  
Noel Kerr, MN, RN, CMSRN

Bring your ideas for a research project to this workshop. Topics of analysis will include the literature review, quantitative and qualitative methods, sampling and recruitment, data analysis, procedures, and grant writing. Participants will work in small groups with mentors to refine their research question, discuss research methodology, identify outcome variables, and address the fit with AMSN research priorities.

040 **Leadership Workshop – 5.0 Contact Hours**  
**“Listen Up! Can You Hear Me Now?” Transforming Your Practice Through Skilled and Deliberate Communication**  
Renee Ann Thompson, MSN, RN, CMSRN  
Joanne Turka, MSN, RN, RN-BC, CCRN

There are currently more than 600,000 physicians in the United States and over 2.4 million practicing nurses. Despite their potential for power in numbers, nurses have been labeled the “Silent Majority.” Decisions are made every day in health care that affect nursing but seldom are nurses at the decision-making table. Now, more than ever, nurses have the ability to influence the direction of their practice and the future of the profession. Reform is inevitable and to ensure the voice of nursing is heard, it is critical that nurses develop the communication skills necessary to influence decisions. This workshop will provide medical-surgical nurses in all practice settings with the tools necessary to advocate for their profession and for their patients.

*Note: This course does not grant certification. A separate fee and application are required to take the CMSRN exam. See page 11 for details.*
Thursday, October 21, 2010

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Orientation for First-Time Attendees

4:15 pm – 6:30 pm
101 Opening Ceremonies
& Opening Address – 1.25 Contact Hours
Caring Technology
Anne Ryder

How has technology affected nursing? Are you buried in it? Have you ever hit “send” and regretted it? How has it made you a better or worse nurse? Now imagine your world without it. The electrical grid has crashed and there are no computers, no lights, and no power – only old-fashioned medicine and delivery systems. That's “Calcutta” medicine. It is Haiti after the earthquake. It is – potentially – you at your best or most frazzled. It is a choice point. In this moving presentation, journalist Anne Ryder takes us from Mother Teresa's Calcutta to the Albanian refugee camps to her own bedside emergency where nurses made a profound difference through the human connection. Join us for an intriguing session on the congruence of technology and care.

6:30 pm - 8:45 pm
Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/View Posters

Friday, October 22, 2010

6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Registration Open

7:00 am – 7:30 am
Continental Breakfast

7:30 am – 8:45 am
102 Keynote Address – 1.25 Contact Hours
Presentation of AMSN's Anthony J. Jannetti Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Health Care
“Returning to the Heart of Nursing” – Caring Science as Ethical-Scientific Core for Transforming Practice from Inside Out
Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN

This dynamic presentation will offer insight into the art and science of nursing. Dr. Jean Watson, recipient of AMSN's 2010 Anthony J. Jannetti Award for Nursing Excellence, will share her work and describe the ethical scientific core of caring theory and caring sciences as the foundation for professional nursing. She will examine the latest theoretical-scientific perspective on Caring Theory, Caring Science, and Heart Science, and explore the latest research.

8:45 am – 10:45 am
Exhibit Hall Open/View Posters

10:45 – 12:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions (111-114) – 1.25 Contact Hours

111 Diabetes: The Disease That Ate the World
Tamara Finger, MSN, RN, CDE

This presentation will examine recent trends and recommendations in diabetes diagnosis and treatment, including inpatient care and goals. The latest medications and future directions will be reviewed, and implications for nursing will be discussed.

112 What's New in Orthopaedics?
Dottie Roberts, MSN, MACI, RN, CMSRN, OCNS-C®

This session will feature an exploration of current and emerging surgical treatments for common orthopaedic conditions, with an emphasis on postoperative nursing care.

113 The Role of the Nurse in Episodes of Failure to Rescue
Semico D. Miller, BHA, RN, CCRN, CNRN

The medical-surgical nurse is the key health care provider to recognize clinical decline. During rapid deterioration episodes, the nurse must assess, communicate, and collaborate with other providers. This includes giving critical information to emergency team members who may not know the patient's history or the event progression. This session will focus on pre-event preparation and early recognition tools, as well as methods to effectively educate the emergency team.

114 Spirituality and Illness
Jeffrey Albaugh, PhD, APRN, CUCNS

Studies reveal that spirituality is important to patients in America and that it may play a role in helping patients with life-threatening illness find meaning and healing. Dr. Albaugh will intertwine research about spirituality, stories from nurses and patients, and practical information about how nurses can better address patients' spiritual needs.

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm
Pick up Box Lunch

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Concurrent Sessions (121-124) – 1.0 Contact Hours (Lunch & Learn Sessions)

121 Writing for Publication
Dottie Roberts, MSN, MACI, RN, CMSRN, OCNS-C®

The first-time writer may become frustrated and overwhelmed about where to begin when writing for professional publication. Session attendees will get valuable tips from the Editor and Editorial Board members of AMSN's official journal, MEDSURG Nursing, to help make the experience more enjoyable and rewarding.

122 Health Literacy: The Hidden Challenge
Doris Meehan, MSN, RN-BC, APN, ACNS

Health literacy issues place patients at greater risk for adverse outcomes. Nearly half the United States population has low health literacy, and it is often silent and overlooked. This presentation will include the scope and prevalence of low health literacy, current research, and evidence-based tools and strategies used in improving communication with patients.
123 Horizontal Violence: What It Is and How to Deal With It
Ann Kelly, MSN, PMHCNS-BC, RN
Workplace violence is one of the most complex issues facing nurses and others in the health care environment today. The scope of workplace violence includes a broad spectrum of concerns including rates of nonfatal assaults experienced by the health care workforce, under-reporting of violent incidents, and the effects of health and safety of the work environment, including recruitment and retention of qualified staff. This session will address strategies for identifying and dealing with horizontal violence. Strategies examined in the literature, used by the author and those used by participants, will also be shared.

124 Returning to Nurse's Roots: Relationship-Based Care
Gloria Hurst, BSN, RN, CMSRN
Stephana Loyd, MNSc, RNP
Remember what nursing was like when you started practicing? Whether your nursing career spans 1 year or 20, the path is probably very different than you imagined. Task-focused care is what many nurses have practiced to survive. Hear about one hospital's attempt to bring nursing care back to the patient and send those task-focused shifts away!

1:15 pm – 3:00 pm
Refreshment Break - Exhibits Open/Poster Viewing

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Special Sessions (131-134) – 2.0 Contact Hours

131 Renal Pharmacology and Prescribing Implications
Sally K. Miller, PhD, APN, FAANP
This session is appropriate for both basic and advanced practice providers, beginning with a discussion of pharmacologically relevant renal physiology. The pharmacodynamics of drug classes with direct renal action will be analyzed, including diuretics, vasopressin, and drugs with prostaglandin-mediated activity. Finally, the impact of renal disease on prescribing will be discussed.

132 Prostate Cancer Treatment and Sexual Dysfunction Update
Jeffrey Albaugh, PhD, APRN, CUCNS
This presentation will focus on the nurses caring for patients with prostate cancer, which is the most common non-skin cancer in men. Treatment continues to evolve and survival rates are very good, yet the sexual side effects of these treatments greatly affect quality of life. Nurses play a vital role in helping patients manage sexual dysfunction.

133 Impetus for Change: The Impact of New Regulations to Improve Outcomes
Judith M. Atkins, MSN, RN
It is hard to discern the impact of regulations on clinical outcomes. This fast-paced, humorous program will help nurses celebrate the results of regulators like The Joint Commission and Medicare on day-to-day operations. At last, there is good news to hear on nurses’ contributions to better outcomes.

134 Pressure Ulcers 2010: The New Challenges
Margaret Talley, PhD(c) CWCN-AP, RN
This session will cover the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) 2007 pressure ulcer stages and show how to increase your facility’s pressure ulcer prevention, assessment, staging, and documentation. The new regulatory and reimbursement issues will be discussed, along with strategies to help increase recognition and prevention for improvement of hospital-acquired pressure ulcer rates when compared with national benchmarks.

Saturday, October 23, 2010

7:00 am – 5:15 pm
Registration Open

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:15 am
General Session – 1.25 Contact Hours
Legal Aspects of Documentation: What Every Nurse Should Know
Linda S. Willette, BSN, RN, CMSRN
With a significant increase in the number of lawsuits naming nurses as defendants, the only way a nurse can defend against allegations of negligence is complete, accurate, defensive documentation. After this session you will have a renewed appreciation for the old saying, “If it isn't documented, it isn't done.”

9:30 am – 10:45 am
Concurrent Sessions (211-214) – 1.25 Contact Hours

211 “Stuck in Your Head” — A Med-Surg Nurse’s Guide to Understanding Brain Tumors
Renee Ann Thompson, MSN, RN, CMSRN
A brain tumor can be devastating, however early diagnostics and new treatment modalities have dramatically affected the care patients receive. This presentation will focus on demystifying the diagnosis of a brain tumor and will provide medical-surgical nurses the tools they need to provide competent care to this vulnerable population.

“These opportunities for professional development are absolutely value-added for a new RN like me. [The convention] helps me maintain my goals for certification and share these opportunities with fellow colleagues.”
– Gregory Oberschmidt, Northbrook, IL
212 21st Century Pain Management Nursing: From Assessment to Management
Misty Kirby-Nolan, MSN, APN-CNP
Patient assessment is the cornerstone of optimal pain management. This session will discuss how the nurse can influence patient outcomes by assessing and managing pain. Barriers that can affect care are identified. Basic physiology of pain pathways and currently recommended pharmacologic approaches for managing pain will be presented.

213 Building Elder-Friendly Environments on Medical-Surgical Units: Practical Strategies and Tools for Success and Sustainability
Holly Brown, MSN, GNP-BC, NICHE
Christine Marek Waszynski, MSN, RN, GNP-C
This presentation will provide participants practical strategies and tools for building and sustaining elder-friendly environments. Nurses will learn what they need to know in achieving improved care for older adults at the bedside and on the unit as a whole.

214 The Critical Role of the Nurse in Achievement of Health Information Technology (HIT) Benefits
Victoria M. Bradley, DNP, RN, CPHIMS, FHIMSS
Information technology has become a critical component of the health care delivery system. Many benefits have been promised with varying degrees of success. The nurse plays a critical role in implementing HIT programs. During this session, the benefits of HIT will be reviewed along with the role medical-surgical nurses can play in planning, designing, testing, implementing, and evaluating strategies.

11:00 am - 12:15 pm
Concurrent Sessions (221-224) – 1.25 Contact Hours

221 Esophageal Disorders
Timothy Coleman, CRNP
Disorders of the esophagus are becoming more common in today’s society. Poor dietary habits, obesity, and tobacco abuse all lead to an increased risk for both benign and pathologic changes within the esophagus and foregut. The care of this patient population is a unique challenge for bedside nurses.

222 Hemodynamics for the Medical-Surgical Nurse: Easy as Riding a Bike
Joanne Turka, MSN, RN, RN-BC, CCRN
This interactive presentation will have each participant performing assessments at the same time that hemodynamics in the room are changing. Participants will demonstrate accurate assessments for adequate blood flow, low-flow states, fluid overload, and key assessment factors indicating chemical interventions are necessary. Attendees will use observation, palpation, and percussion assessment techniques.

223 Round and Round and Round We Go in the Quest for Exemplary Professional Practice
Debra Sellers, MS, BS, RN
Lois Guerra, MBA, BSN, RN
This presentation will detail six distinct rounding methodologies implemented in an academic, community Magnet hospital. The associated standard operating procedures, such as scripting and checklists, can be used to hardwire the various rounding methodologies within any medical-surgical patient care setting to promote exemplary professional practice.

224 Obesity — What’s the Big Deal?
Cindy Sayre, MN, ARNP
Obesity continues to be an epidemic in the United States, supported by the fact that shows like “The Biggest Loser” are television hits. In this session, the prevalence, etiology, and emotional and financial impact of obesity will be explored and treatment options will be discussed.

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm
Lunch on Your Own
Poster Viewing

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions (231-234) – 1.25 Contact Hours

231 The ABC’s of ABG’s
Michael A. Frace, MSN, BSN, RN, RRT
Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) is a critical tool in evaluating a patient’s acid-base balance. During this presentation, you will learn to master interpretation by using six steps in your daily practice to understand the type of imbalance, the causes, and the cures.

232 Keeping You Healthy: A Review of the Immune System and the Associated Hypersensitivity Disorders
Jacqueline Guhde, MSN, RN, CNS
The immune system is a complex system to understand. This presentation will include a basic review of the anatomy and physiology of this system and the categories of immunity. Related lab work such as WBC and ANC counts will be included. The four types of hypersensitivity disorders will be described.

233 Mentorship in Clinical Agencies: Does It Work?
Cecelia Gatson Grindel, PhD, RN, CMSRN, FAAN
This session will provide information related to developing and maintaining a successful mentorship program and avoiding pitfalls. State-of-the-art, institution-based mentorship programs will be discussed.

234 Acute Renal Failure on the Med-Surg Unit
Sally Russell, MN, CMSRN, CPP
Acute renal failure is not an uncommon occurrence on today’s medical-surgical units. We will explore the most common causes, the assessments that may help catch it early, and the necessary interventions. The most common medical therapies will be linked to the nursing interventions in order to determine what further therapies might be necessary for a positive outcome.

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm
Refreshment Break
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions (241-244) – 1.25 contact hours

241 Integration of Palliative Care in a Medical-Surgical Environment: An Interdisciplinary Approach
Donna Tanzi, MPS, RN, NE-BC
Deborah Feehan, MS, RN, C, CHPN

A review of the literature shows deficiencies remain in health care team members’ ability to address end-of-life issues with patients and families. The development of a palliative care team in a 400-bed community, Magnet-designated hospital, has helped in the progression toward patients meeting their unique end-of-life goals. Systematic needs assessment followed by brainstorming and ongoing educational programs is paramount to the success of the program. This concurrent session will focus on outlining the strategies used, with the ultimate goal of developing dedicated palliative care beds within a medical-surgical unit.

242 Addressing the Symphony of the Night: Obstructive Sleep Apnea
Meltem Yilmaz, MD

This session will address the definition, prevalence, and pathophysiology of the adult patient with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). Other areas to be covered include methods of identifying patients at risk for OSA, treatment options, and perioperative management, including a review of published guidelines.

243 Creative Solutions on Writing Abstracts
Bruce Boxer, PhD, MBA, RN, CPHQ

This interactive presentation will explore the importance of writing an abstract and the key components. Various types of abstracts written by nurses will be discussed, as well as creative ways to turn submitted abstracts into accepted abstracts. This session is designed for nurses at all education levels.

244 Achy Breaky Heart: Caring for the Patient with Heart Failure
Beth Palmer, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, ACNS-BC, CCRN

This session will describe the important role of nursing in delivering quality, evidence-based care to patients with heart failure. Nursing interventions to improve outcomes and prevent readmission of medical-surgical patients with either a primary or secondary diagnosis of heart failure will be discussed. The relationship between the pharmacologic treatment and the pathophysiology of heart failure will be described.

2010 Program Planning Committee
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“The information provided was relevant to my everyday practice and it was presented by individuals who are willing to share as well as assist you with implementation of their ideas.”
Judith Kay Fogg, Salem, NJ
**Payment Policy, Fees, and Confirmation Notice**

All fees are in U.S. dollars. Registrations will be processed only when accompanied with 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 AMSN National Office prior to the meeting, you must pay the full amount on-site. If you do not receive registration confirmation one week prior to the meeting, contact the AMSN National Office. Purchase orders are not accepted as payment.

**Cancellations and Substitutions**

Cancellations and substitutions must be requested in writing. We will be happy to refund your registration fee, less a $50 administration fee, if received prior to September 20, 2010. No refunds will be made thereafter. Membership dues are nonrefundable. 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 the substitute is not an AMSN member, additional fees may apply.

**Hotel**

Riviera Hotel and Casino
The Riviera Hotel is the designated headquarters hotel for the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses 19th Annual Convention. A block of rooms has been secured for attendees at the special rate of $89 single/double. Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently at 12%). The special rate is available until September 20, 2010. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

To make your reservations, call 800-634-6753 and refer to the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses Annual Convention, or make your reservations online at www.amsn.org/conv. The hotel requires the cost of one night as a deposit, plus tax. This deposit may be made by credit card, check, or money order. Your credit card is charged at the time of booking; if you are sending a check or money order, the hotel must receive payment within 14 days of making the reservation or it will be canceled. The room deposit is refundable, minus a $14.99 cancellation processing fee, if reservations are canceled at least 7 days prior to arrival. If cancellation is made within 7 days of arrival, the 1 night deposit plus tax will be forfeited.

Check-in time is 4 pm and check-out is 11 am. Free valet parking and self-park are both available.

**Airport/Transportation**

McCarran International Airport (LAS) is approximately 5 miles from the Riviera Hotel and Casino. Shuttle service is available for $6.50 one way, per person. This shuttle can be boarded at the baggage claim area of the airport, and will make multiple stops at other hotels. Taxi service is available for approximately $17 one way. (All rates are subject to change.)

**Weather**

A typical October day in Las Vegas is an average of 70 degrees and sunny.

**Photo Release**

AMSN occasionally uses photographs of convention participants in promotional media. By virtue of your attendance, you agree to usage of your likeness in such media.

**Special Events and Highlights**

**Welcome and Opening Reception**
Join us for the Opening Reception on Thursday, October 21, for an evening of fun, networking, and entertainment. Enjoy light food and beverages as you visit exhibits and poster presentations.

Guest registration for the reception - Guest badges to attend the Opening Reception may be purchased for $30 using the registration form or on-site at the convention registration desk. Guest registration is valid for the Opening Reception only.

**Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations**

- Meet with vendors in the exhibit hall: Learn more about the products, technologies, and publications specific to medical-surgical nursing that will enhance your practice.
- Visit the AMSN and Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) exhibit booths: There is a vast array of benefits and services that will accelerate your career.
- Review the innovative posters submitted by your colleagues: On display Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

**Sightseeing**

In Las Vegas, the options are many and the excitement level is off the charts. From lavish casinos and world-class entertainment to attractions outside the city (Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, and several stunning national parks), you are in the right place for touring. Visit www.vegas.com or www.visitlasvegas.com for more ideas.
Continuing Education

Gain Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) contact hours for your professional development, recertification, and relicensure. Here is what you can earn:

- Full 3-day convention: Up to 16.25 contact hours
- Medical-Surgical Overview/Certification Review Course (2-day course): 13.75 contact hours
- Clinical, Leadership, and Research pre-convention workshops 5.0 contact hours

This convention is co-provided by AMSN and Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc.

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Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) Exam

The Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) is pleased to offer a post-convention Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) certification exam on Monday, October 25, 2010, at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. A separate application and registration fee are required to take the exam.

Visit www.msncb.org to register online after May 15, 2010, or visit the AMSN Web site, www.amsn.org, select 'Store' tab, and request an exam application. You can also request an application via e-mail: cmsrn@ajj.com; phone: 866-877-2676; or mail: MSNCB, East Holly Avenue, Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071.

The application deadline for this exam is August 1, 2010. No applications will be accepted after this date. No exam applications will be accepted on-site.

Special Deals and Discounts

- Early Bird Special – Register by August 14, 2010 and Save $50 on the regular/on-site full convention registration fee. (Mailed forms must be postmarked by August 14, 2010.)
- AMSN Member Group Discount – Save $25 each when three or more members register at the same time. To qualify, all 3 registrations must be submitted together. Register online and select “group registration,” or submit all 3 registration forms together via mail or fax.
- Save $75 when you combine the Early Bird Special and the Group Discount!

AMSN Members Save $100! As a member, you will save $100 on your convention registration fees. To be eligible for the member rate, you must be an AMSN member through October 31, 2010.

Tell me more about AMSN benefits! — Visit www.amsn.org/benefits

Prices same since 2008!
Riviera Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada
October 20-25, 2010

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  Groundbreaking sessions by top experts.

• **Continuing Nursing Education!**
  Earn up to 16.25 contact hours.

• **Plenty of time to play!** Special events, networking, and the world-class attractions and cuisine of Las Vegas.

Save $50
Register by August 14, 2010

Register today!

www.amsn.org
Name: ____________________________________________________________

Credentials: ______________________________________________________

Employer Name: __________________________________________________

Preferred Mailing Address: Work  Home
________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________________

State: __________________________ Zip: _______________________

To join AMSN today and pay member fees for this registration, please complete the membership form on the next page. Membership must be valid through October 30, 2010 to qualify for member rates. Current members may renew their AMSN membership with their convention registration. Membership will commence upon current expiration.

### Full Registration Fees

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**3+ members** (see page 11 for details)

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Please check the day you plan to attend:  

- Friday  
- Saturday

### Preconference Registration Fees

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### Guest (other than attendee) Special Offer

- Thursday's Opening Ceremony & Reception Only (Guest Name) ___________________________________  
  
  $30

### Concurrent Sessions

This section must be completed to process your registration. Indicate your first two choices (1, 2) for each time period. Attendees are automatically registered for the opening ceremony, keynote address, general sessions.

#### Friday, October 22, 2010

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### Check enclosed made payable in U.S. funds to AMSN

Name of Card Holder (please print) ______________________________________________________

Billing address if different from above mailing address ________________________________

Credit Card Number _______________________ / _______________________ / _______________________ / _______________________ 

Expiration Date _________________________ Security Code* _________________________

* Last 3 digits, signature strip, back of credit card. American Express: Front 4 digits.

Mandatory email address to receive your receipt/confirmation, information, and to be used to login for Contact Hours.

Including this meeting, how many AMSN conventions have you attended?  

- 1  
- 2  
- 3  
- 4  
- 5+

Disability? If any special disability or dietary arrangements are needed, please attach a note of explanation with the registration form.

Cancellations and Substitutions must be received in writing: email amsn@ajj.com or mail AMSN National Office, East Holly Avenue, Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071. For cancellations received by September 20, 2010, a $50 administrative fee will be assessed and the balance will be remitted to the original form of payment. No refunds will be made thereafter. Membership fee is non-refundable. If substitute is not an AMSN member, additional fees may apply. AMSN reserves the right to cancel programs because of emergencies, labor strikes, acts of God, and insufficient registration or sponsorship.
Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses

Membership Application with Convention Registration

[ ] New Member  [ ] Renewal – Member ID# ___________________________ (Renewal will begin upon current expiration)

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________ Credentials: ___________________________

Home Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Home Phone: ( ___________________________

Employer: ___________________________

Work Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Work Phone: ( ___________________________

Preferred Mailing Address (check one)

[ ] Home  [ ] Work

Full Name of AMSN member who referred you to AMSN:

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

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Categories | One Year | Two Years
---|---|---
Full Member – Registered Nurses | $84 | $168
Senior - Full – RNs age 60 and over (Enclose proof of age). | $75 | $150
Associate Member – Licensed health care professionals interested in the care of adults (Non RNs). | $84 | $168
Senior - Associate – Associate member age 60 and over (Enclose proof of age). | $75 | $150
Student Member – Registered nursing student (Enclose proof of enrollment). | $50 | —
New Graduate – Full RNs in the first year of professional practice (Enclose copy of diploma). | $70 | —
New Graduate – Associate Associate member in the first year of professional practice (Enclose copy of diploma). | $78 | —
NSNA Student Member Enroll a copy of NSNA membership card. | $45 | —

AMSN Foundation Donation Amount:

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Charge my:  [ ] Visa  [ ] Mastercard  [ ] American Express  [ ] Discover

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Signature ___________________________

Membership Fee

Dues and contributions may qualify as a business expense, but are not deductible as a charitable contribution. $20 of the membership dues is applied to a 1-year subscription to MEDSURG Nursing Journal.

Membership Fee is non-refundable/non-transferable. Please allow 4 weeks to receive your new member materials.

You can also join AMSN online at www.amsn.org or return completed form with registration.

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