20th Annual Convention
Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
The premier event for improving your practice.

Boston, MA
September 8-12, 2011
Registration Brochure

Featured Keynote Speaker
Patricia E. Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN

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Compassion. Commitment. Connection.
Dear Colleagues,

The Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) and the Program Planning Committee are pleased to invite you to our 20th Annual Convention. You will enjoy 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 from around the world who, like you, are passionate about improving patient care. You'll enjoy exhibits presented by leading health care companies, view poster presentations, and discover many rewarding ways to get connected at the local and national levels.

Attendees have told us in the past that the convention helped accelerate their careers and improve their nursing practice. They also said the event gives them a greater appreciation of themselves and the nursing profession by showcasing our compassion and celebrating our commitment.

So please join us at the Sheraton Boston Hotel as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of AMSN. Come enjoy everything the convention and this lovely, historic city have to offer!

Renee Thompson, MSN, RN, CMSRN
Program Planning Committee Chairperson

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

Who Should Attend?

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

Why Attend?

Take home exciting new ideas to implement immediately.

Learn from our speakers who not only teach, but inspire.

Relax and have fun, make new memories, see an incredible city.

Connect with your colleagues to share knowledge, experiences, and laughter!

Register online at www.amsn.org/conv – Questions? Call 866-877-2676
**Featured Speakers**

**Patricia E. Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN**
Patricia Benner is a professor, Department of Physiological Nursing, School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco, CA. She is the author of nine books, including the award-winning *From Novice to Expert* and *The Primacy of Caring*. Dr. Benner is also an internationally noted researcher and lecturer on health, stress and coping, skill acquisition, and ethics. Her work has had a wide influence on nursing and the health care industries in the United States and internationally.

Dr. Benner has been a staff nurse in arenas that include medical-surgical, emergency room, coronary care, intensive care units, and home care. Her current research focuses on the study of nursing practice in intensive care units and nursing ethics. She was recently elected an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Nursing, United Kingdom.

Dr. Benner will be awarded the AMSN “Anthony J. Jannetti Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Health Care” prior to her presentation on Friday, September 9, 2011.

**Kathleen D. Pagana, PhD, RN**
Kathleen Pagana has more than 30 years experience as a health care leader in teaching, administration, clinical practice, business management, consulting, writing, and speaking. She has written 25 books, including *Mosby’s Diagnostic and Laboratory Test Reference*, a best seller that has sold over one million copies.

Dr. Pagana began her career in the Army Nurse Corps, where she rose to the rank of Captain and combined military protocol with clinical expertise, leadership, teamwork, and patient care. She received her PhD in nursing research from the University of Pennsylvania, where she created a research instrument that is still used around the world. Dr. Pagana also worked as a professor, faculty chairperson, and academic dean at Lycoming College Department of Nursing, in Williamsport, PA, and currently serves there as Professor Emeritus.

Her awards include the Army Commendation Medal and a Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

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**Participants’ Feedback**

“My favorite thing about the AMSN convention is connecting and networking with colleagues from all over the world to discuss med-surg issues and explore ways to promote med-surg nursing. The joy of seeing so many colleagues proudly displaying that they are med-surg nurses is a powerful statement to our profession.”

C. Wes Foster
Glendale, AZ

“*This is my 12th convention and I wouldn’t have come back if it wasn’t worth coming to. Keep up the good work!*”

Margaret Craig, Lumberton, NJ

All testimonials are feedback from attendees following the AMSN 2010 Convention in Las Vegas, NV. (Used with permission.)
Program-at-a-Glance

TUESDAY, September 6, 2011
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Registration Open

WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2011
6:30 am – 10:30 am  Registration Open
3:00 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, September 8, 2011
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
  • Leadership Workshop
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  New Member/First-Time Attendee Orientation
4:15 pm – 6:30 pm  Opening Ceremonies & Opening Address – Kathleen D. Pagana, PhD, RN
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm  Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/View Posters

FRIDAY, September 9, 2011
6:30 am – 5:30 pm  Registration Open
7:00 am – 7:30 am  Continental Breakfast
7:30 am – 8:45 am  Keynote Address – Patricia E. Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN
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, September 10, 2011
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 – 1:45 pm  Lunch on Your Own
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm  Concurrent Sessions
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm  Ice Cream Social
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm  Concurrent Sessions

SUNDAY, September 11, 2011
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, September 12, 2011
7:30 am – 8:00 am  Sign in for CMSRN Exam
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  CMSRN Exam

This Program Will Help You:

• Transform your nursing practice through education, evidence, and evolving best practices.
• Challenge the current role of the medical-surgical nurse to meet the increasingly complex work environment demands.
• Celebrate the joys, opportunities, and global nature of medical-surgical nurses in leading change and advancing health care.

Access Online Library and Convention Handouts

Thanks to the AMSN Online Library, you now get even more value for your registration.

All attendees receive free access to convention education sessions through the library at www.prolib.com/amsn. You can virtually 'attend' sessions you may have missed on-site, or revisit courses you found particularly 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 will be available online for you to print 2 weeks before the convention. This is a great option: you no longer have to carry a bulky program book. Simply redeem convention code AMSN11 in the library to access the handouts.
• Evaluate sessions online, when you return home, or while you are on-site…whatever works best for you. You will have approximately 4 weeks after the convention to complete your evaluations.
• Don't worry about losing your CNE certificates during your travels, you can now print them when you return home. Access the certificates in the library and print whenever you need them.
• You can share your library access to the convention content with two colleagues for free. (Additional fee for contact hours.)
Pre-Convention Workshops

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

6:30 am – 10:30 am; 3:00 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
Caroline Ashman, BSN, RN, CMSRN

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 session 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

BIG SAVINGS! Order the Core Curriculum for Medical-Surgical Nursing (4th Edition) and the Medical-Surgical Nursing Review Questions (© 2008) when you register for this course and save $10 off of the already discounted member prices as well as shipping and handling costs! To get the discount, simply choose the “Course with Books” option when you register. The books will be sent to you immediately so you can begin studying. For registrations received after August 25, 2011, the books will be available on-site.

Improve your chances of passing the CMSRN exam. An average of 84% of the nurses who attended the convention review course in 2005-2010 passed the CMSRN exam taken immediately following the convention.

*Note: This course does not grant certification. It helps you prepare for the exam. A separate fee and application are required to take the CMSRN exam. See page 11 for details.

Thursday, September 8, 2011

6:45 am – 6:30 pm
Registration Open

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

7:45 am – 2:45 pm
Optional Pre-Convention Workshops
Separate registration fee required. Box lunch included.

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

020 Clinical Workshop – 5.0 contact hours
Comprehensive Assessment Strategies
Heidi Wheeler, MS, RN, ANP-C

This workshop will provide nurses with tools for enhanced patient assessment and management. Topics will include integrating patient history, physical assessment findings, and lab/test results to make a plan of care; reviewing common clinical challenges; and working through a variety of clinical scenarios individually and collectively. Critical thinking principles will be reviewed throughout the course.

030 Leadership Workshop – 5.0 contact hours
Legal Strategies for Protecting the Patient, Professionals, and Organization
Barbara J. Levin, BSN, RN, ONC, LNCC
Patricia W. Iyer, MSN, RN, LNCC, CLNI
Linda S. Willette, BSN, RN, CMSRN, LNC

This pre-convention workshop will demonstrate strategies to avoid litigation. Through a mock trial of an orthopedics case in which a delayed diagnosis altered a young woman’s life, we will illustrate the multiple failures of the nursing staff and the medical team. Documentation techniques for handwritten notes and computerized documentation will be shared, along with plaintiff and defense legal strategies. (This session will not be included in the Online Library.)

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
New Member/First-Time Attendee Orientation

3:15 pm – 6:30 pm
101 Opening Ceremonies & Opening Address – 1.25 contact hours
Celebrating the Pride and Passion of Nursing
Kathleen D. Pagana, PhD, RN

This uplifting and thought-provoking session is designed to remind you why you chose nursing and to inspire you to face each day with passion and purpose. It will make you proud to celebrate your contributions to the profession you entered as a new graduate, the profession you are working in today, and the profession you are shaping for tomorrow’s nurses.

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/Poster Viewing
Friday, September 9, 2011

6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Registration Open

7:00 am – 7:30 am
Continental Breakfast

7:30 am – 8:45 am
Presentation of the AMSN Anthony J. Jannetti Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Health Care

102 Keynote Address – 1.0 contact hour
Shaping Clinical Competence & Excellence in Nursing
Patricia E. Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN
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Dr. Patricia Benner, well known for her work on progressing from a novice to an expert nurse, will discuss excellence and competence in clinical nursing practice. She will examine factors like the rapidly changing health care environment, nursing knowledge, skill development, and experience in relation to their impact on improved nursing outcomes.

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

10:45 am – 12:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions (111-114) – 1.25 contact hours

111 Think Sepsis, Save a Life
Ruth Robert, MSN, FNP-C, CMSRN, PCCN
Barbara Warren, MSN, RN, CS

There are 750,000 cases of severe sepsis annually in North America. The mortality rate associated with severe sepsis is greater than breast cancer, lung cancer, and colon cancer combined. This session will focus on how the close proximity of nurses to patients from admission to discharge places them in the first line of defense in recognizing sepsis and how early recognition and intervention is key to a patient’s survival.

112 Dissecting the Delirium Dilemma
Rita LaRea, MSN, GNP, BC

This presentation will outline a program designed to educate nurses on the condition of delirium, demonstrate the use of the Confusion Assessment Method, and discuss the role of the advanced practice nurse in mentoring nurses who care for a patient with delirium.

113 Eliminating PSI and HAC – The Nurse’s Vital Role in Keeping Patients Safe!
Jan Fitzgerald, MSN, RN, CPHQ
Regina Trelease, MEd, RN, CPHQ

Patient Safety Indicators/Hospital Acquired Conditions (PSI/HAC) are a major focus for hospitals today as they seek to provide safe, high-quality care and appropriate public reporting. Nurses have a vital role in mitigating harm. This session will focus on how nurses need to be aware of what PSI/HACs are, how they are identified and reported, and how nursing care can prevent or contribute to these events.

114 Professional Image of a Medical-Surgical Nurse…It’s More than Donning a Uniform and Clocking in on Time
Jennifer Kennedy, BSN, RN

There is more to what nurses wear that determines if they are a professional. This session will discuss the history of the professionalism of nursing and what attributes make up the professional medical-surgical nurse. This presentation will help identify how to improve the medical-surgical nurse’s image and increase retention.

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm
Pick Up Box Lunch

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

121 Getting a Few ZZZs in the Hospital: Mission Impossible for Elders?
Kathy Missildine, PhD, RN, CNS

This presentation will review adults’ usual sleep architecture, identifying changes that occur related to aging. It will review the research evidence related to sleep in acute care, with an emphasis on elders’ sleep. Outcomes of partial sleep deprivation will be identified, especially as related to cognitive decline. A series of case studies relating noise, light, sleep, and delirium will be discussed. The evidence supporting interventions to improve sleep in hospitalized elders will be explored.

122 It’s Time to Teach Back: An Inter-professional Approach to Enhance Learning and Reduce Readmissions
Debra Peter, MSN, RN, BC, CMSRN
Paula Robinson, MSN, RN-BC

Health care reform initiatives are focused more than ever on improving patient outcomes and helping to empower individuals as partners in their plan of care. The inter-professional health care team is responsible for teaching patients and families about specific conditions and skills associated with maintaining good health and wellness. This team effort depends on clear communication and effective teaching strategies to improve self-care management skills for key learners at every point of entry into the health care system. To address this important aspect of care, a leadership team of a 988-bed academic, community Magnet® hospital formulated a workgroup consisting of health care professionals in both the inpatient and outpatient environment to discuss current conditions related to patient and family education. This presentation will discuss the background of the project, provide an overview of the impact of teaching on the hospitalized patient, and detail associated strategies and outcomes.
123 Changing Nursing Practice: Family Presence During Hospitalization
Carla Cox, MBA, BSN, RN
Diana Harris, BSN, RN
Family presence during hospitalization remains controversial on medical-surgical units. Learn about the process one hospital created to support nurses in managing family presence and family participation in care. The process features targeted assessment of patient preferences, documentation improvements, including family in hand-offs, signage, and coaching for particularly challenging situations.

124 The Benefits of Specialty Certification: Will it Increase My Confidence and Competence?
Caroline Ashman, BSN, RN, CMSRN
The speaker will present a lively discussion of her graduate work regarding the impact certification has on the nursing profession. She will also discuss how certification is becoming more commonplace in the workforce and more widely recognized by patients and management alike.

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 Untangling Charlotte’s Web
Barbara J. Levin, BSN, RN, ONC, LNCC
Patricia W. Iyer, MSN, RN, LNCC, CLNI
Nurses’ understanding of the legal aspects of their professional practice will be enhanced by this session, which presents the case study of one patient who was profoundly affected by miscommunication errors involving nurses, laboratories, and physicians. Inexperience, generational and communication styles, patient advocacy, and the chain of command affecting the disastrous outcome for the patient will be discussed. The significant changes within a hospital system and the development of the Joint Commission’s National Patient Safety Goal regarding reporting critical lab results that resulted from this untoward outcome will also be addressed. (This session will not be included in the Online Library.)

132 Cardiovascular Update
Beth Palmer, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, ANP-BC, CMSRN
Join Dr. Palmer for this session as she gets to the “heart” of the matter and provides an update on current cardiovascular diseases and health issues. This update will cover causes, symptoms, treatments, and prevention.

133 Pharmacology Update: Medications for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes
Jamie Sommer, PharmD
This session will discuss medications used to control hyperglycemia as well as their application to specific patients with Type 2 diabetes. We will review familiar drugs and examine new additions to treatment options.

134 The ABCs of Muscle Loss: Nutrition Interventions for Improving Patient Outcomes After Surgery
Tracy Smith, PhD, RD, LD
Increasing recognition of the serious health and economic consequences of malnutrition and age-related muscle loss exists today. Muscle loss is highly prevalent in people over 65 and leads to negative outcomes such as repeated falls, pressure ulcers, functional decline, disability, multiple emergency room visits, hospital admissions, loss of independence, nursing home admissions, and poor quality of life. Patients who have pre-existing malnutrition and/or weight loss are at increased risk for surgical site infections and complications. This presentation describes mechanisms for muscle loss and specific nutritional interventions that can help improve strength, support muscle, improve quality of life, and reduce risk of pressure ulcers and infections.
Often undertreated and underappreciated in its complexity, the patients can become combative, can fall, and can have significant clinical issues that present a threat to life. This presentation will help clinicians recognize acute alcohol withdrawal and develop a plan to treat it effectively.

213 Research: The New Frontier for the Nurses at the Bedside
   Linda A. Tijong, DBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC
This session serves as an introduction to nursing research, nurses’ role, step-by-step process, and infrastructure needed for a successful nursing research program.

214 Shaping the Future of Medical-Surgical Units by Registered Nurse Staff Through Individual Use of the Healthy Workplace Intervention (HWI)
   Patricia A. Cornett, EdD, MS, RN
   Mickey Parsons, PhD, MHA, RN, FAAN
The interaction of humans with their socio-environment can produce healthy or unhealthy environments where workers may or may not have quality of work life. Using the HWI, staff nurses need not wait for their leaders to create healthy workplace environments. In this session you will learn how to lead operational improvements and sustain momentum.

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

221 Traumatic Brain Injury
   Joanne Turkha, MSN, RN, RN-BC, CCRN
This session will provide attendees with resources in dealing with traumatic brain injury in patients. Best practice strategies and recommended interventions for symptoms will be discussed, along with drug therapy assistance.

222 Bariatrics: Understanding the Extent of the Problem
   Antoinette Falker, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CNS-BC, CBN
Obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States. It is a complex disease affected by behavioral, environmental, socioeconomic, cultural, and genetic factors. This session will review current research, clinical guidelines, pathophysiology, obesity-specific comorbidities, caregiver safety, bariatric equipment, and nursing management.

223 A Culture of Collaboration
   Donna Rebelo, MSN, RN, NE-BC
   Ann Cella, MA, MED, RN, NEA-BC
This session will focus on the “just culture” environment and how implementing a nursing peer review helps clinical nurses and senior nursing leaders collaborate. This collaboration, and its recommendations and reports, encourages open dialog regarding nursing practice issues and system failures, helping improve patient care, and setting new direction for nursing practice and teamwork.

224 The Nurse’s Role in Disaster Preparedness
   Heather Coburn, ASN, EMTP-P, PI
What are the chances of a natural, manufactured, or technical disaster affecting you as a nurse? The chances are much higher than we would like to think. Listen to this presentation about how communities and hospitals have been affected by the unthinkable and what it took to survive such disasters.

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Lunch on Your Own

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions (231-234) – 1.25 contact hours

231 Dialysis: What the Med-Surg Nurse Needs to Know to Care for the Hemodialysis (HD) Patient
   Lesley Dinwiddie, MSN, RN, FNP, CNN
This presentation will give an overview of what the medical-surgical nurse needs to be concerned about while caring for a hemodialysis patient. Areas of discussion include vein preservation, assessment of the access before and after HD treatment, common medications to administer, complications of HD in the acute kidney injury patient, and post-dialysis assessments in the chronic HD patient.

232 Transplantation – Are You Prepared? Your New Admission Has a Transplant History
   Darlene Lovasi, RN, MN, RN, CCRN, CNRN
Solid organ transplant recipients may be admitted to your unit if their illness is not related to their transplant. This presentation will list organ-specific nursing assessments for kidney, pancreas, liver, intestine, multiserceral, and heart or lung transplant recipients. Common nursing interventions for transplant recipients will be described, and immunosuppressive drug therapies, side effects, and safe drug administration will be reviewed.

233 Dollars and Sense: Understanding the Business Side of Illness
   Lori Ewoldt, MA, BSN, RN
Have you ever wondered how your facility is paid for the excellent patient outcomes you strive to achieve? Is health care reform more confusing than concrete? This presentation will provide an overview of the business side of illness and discuss the significant impact that nurses have on quality and financial outcomes.

234 Dealing with Reactive Patients and Family
   Diana-Jean Baratta, MSN, MA, RN-BC
Through narrative accounts, the speaker will establish the normacy of emotional reactivity in hospitalized patients and families experiencing an acute health event. The potentially hurtful impact on the nurse will be considered and a guideline will be introduced for dealing with vehement behaviors and helping to establish a more connected, healing relationship.
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm  
Ice Cream Social  
Join us to celebrate our 20th Anniversary!

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

241 The ABCs of Liver Disease  
Karen Cuipylo, MS, RN, CCRN, CCNS  
Liver disease affects many with all its manifestations. It is a disease which has increased especially with the different types of hepatitis and the challenges of alcohol. We will explore the issues of cirrhosis, portal hypertension, and various diseases affecting the liver with treatment options.

242 Wound Care Assessment and Topical Dressing Choice  
Tanya Martel, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
This session will include a review of pressure ulcer staging and how ulcers can effectively be prevented. A thorough description of wound care assessment leading to recommendations for topical therapy dressing choices will also be explained.

243 Complementary Therapy in the Acute Care Setting – We Have the Power!  
Andie Melendez, MSN, RN, HTCP, CHTP  
Nurses are dedicated to the physical, psychological, and spiritual aspects of their patients. While focused on task work, we have the power and opportunity to learn more about complementary therapies. By exploring the power of energy therapy, when added to traditional medical care, we expand the possibilities for our patients.

244 Nursing, Technology, and 21st Century Practice  
Mark D. Sugrue, RN-BC  
This session will explore recent regulatory and professional changes affecting 21st century nursing practice. Health Reform, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, HITECH, Meaningful Use, and the RWJF/Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, will be discussed in the context of professional practice, nursing leadership, and health information technology.

Sunday, September 11, 2011

7:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Registration Open

7:30 am – 8:00 am  
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:15 am  
301 General Session – 1.25 contact hours  
Challenges and Opportunities for Medical-Surgical Nurses  
Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN  
The Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, outlines recommendations for changes in the nursing profession. The recommendations are focused on responding to our changing health care system. Dr. Bleich, who participated in the IOM study, will outline the recommendations and examine the initiatives currently underway in response to the report.

9:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Awards  
Membership Meeting  
302 Town Hall – 1.25 contact hours  
Dee A. Eldardiri, MS, RN-BC, CMSRN  
The Town Hall is an opportunity to share our passion for nursing and our commitment to expert practice. We will bring the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, into focus as attendees discuss how they can take an active role in nursing’s future. We will discuss what each nurse, our institutions, and AMSN can do to push nursing to new heights and achieve goals outlined in the IOM report and health care reform.

Monday, September 12, 2011

7:30 am – 8:00 am  
Sign In – Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) Exam

8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) Exam  
Separate application fee and pre-registration required. See page 11 for application submission details.

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General Information

Hotel

Sheraton Boston Hotel
The Sheraton Boston Hotel is the designated headquarters hotel for the AMSN Convention. A block of rooms has been secured for attendees at the special rate of $199 single/double. Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently at 14.45%). The special rate is available until August 2, 2011. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

To make your reservations, call 888-627-7054 and refer to the AMSN Convention or make your reservations online at www.amsn.org/conv.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 12:00 pm. Valet parking is offered in limited space availability at the rate of $29 per day. Self parking through the Prudential Center, which is attached to the hotel, is available at the rate of $30-$40 per day. The Pilgrim Parking Garage across from the hotel also offers self parking. (All prices are subject to change.)

Airport

Boston Logan International Airport is located 4 miles from the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Cab service is approximately $30-$35 one way. Shuttle service through Ultimate Shuttle Service is available for $14 one way. Shuttle service reservations are best made by calling 888-437-4379. (All rates subject to change.)

Weather

Typical September weather conditions in Boston vary from 57-73 degrees. Please remember to pack a sweater since conference rooms in the hotel can get cold. We suggest you bring comfortable walking shoes for your convention activities.

Payment Policy, Fees, and Confirmation Notice

Registrations will be processed 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 on-site. If you do not receive registration confirmation one week prior to the convention, contact the AMSN National Office at 866-877-2676 or amsn@ajj.com. Purchase orders are not accepted as payment. (All fees are in U.S. dollars.)

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 August 8, 2011. No refunds will be made thereafter. Membership dues are nonrefundable. Additional fees may apply. If you are unable to attend, a substitution may be made. If the substitute is not an AMSN member, additional fees may apply.

Photo Release

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

Special Events and Highlights

Join us on Thursday evening, September 8, 2011, for the exciting events and entertainment that will officially open the AMSN Convention. Network, relax, and build friendships and relationships during the Opening Reception. Enjoy light food and beverages as you visit the leading exhibitors in the nursing industry. Posters in the Exhibit Hall will spotlight our colleagues who have innovative ideas to share. Learn what’s being done on medical-surgical units and learn more about AMSN.

Guest Registration for Opening Reception - $30
Guest badges to attend the Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday evening, September 8, 2011, may be purchased using the Registration Form or at the Convention Registration Desk. Guest registration is valid for the Opening Reception only.

Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations

Interact with vendors to learn the latest in products that will enhance your practice. Peruse the various products, technologies, and publications specific to medical-surgical nursing care and services. Be sure to stop by the AMSN and Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) exhibit booths.

Sightseeing

Boston is a beautiful historic city filled with culture and excitement. Around almost every corner you can find a piece of history. Because of its prevalent harbor, Boston became the primary shipping port during colonial times. Explore the Paul Revere House, Faneuil Hall, Boston Common and Public Gardens (most famous for the swan boats). To see all these sights and many more in a matter of hours, visit the Freedom Trail, which is a walking tour of the city’s most famous landmarks all connected by a red line on the ground that marks your way. For more details, go to www.freedomtrail.org. Additional information about what to see and do in Boston is available at www.cityofboston.gov.

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You will need a credit card and e-mail address.

Full registration includes:
- Up to 16.25 Continuing Nursing Education contact hours
- Online Library
- Opening Reception
- Continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, and Ice Cream Social
- One ‘Lunch and Learn’

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 or Leadership Pre-Convention Workshop: 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, September 12, 2011, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA. A separate application and registration fee are required to take the exam.

Visit www.msncb.org to register online from May 15 - July 1, 2011, 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 July 1, 2011. No applications will be accepted after this date or on-site.

Special Deals and Discounts

Early Bird Special – Register by June 30, 2011, and save $50 on the regular/on-site full convention registration fee (mailed forms must be postmarked by June 30, 2011).

AMSN Member Group Discount – Save $25 each when 3 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!

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Not a Member? Join AMSN with your convention registration and get the discounted registration fee PLUS reap all of the other member benefits (visit www.amsn.org for full details on benefits). Simply check the AMSN membership box on the convention registration form, complete the member application, include $84 for your membership dues, and register for the convention at the member rate.

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Join us in Boston and...

- Develop personally and professionally
- Network with a vibrant community of nurses who strive for excellence
- Earn up to 16.25 CNE contact hours
- Enjoy this historic and beautiful city

Register by June 30, 2011 and Save $50

Register online at www.amsn.org/conv
Questions? Call 866-877-2676
Name: __________________________

Credentials: ______________________

Employer Name: _____________________

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 September 30, 2011 to qualify for member rates. Current members may renew their AMSN membership with their convention registration. Membership will commence upon current expiration.

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**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Charge my: [ ] DISCOVER  [ ] MasterCard  [ ] Visa  [ ] American Express  [ ] Other

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.

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All pre-registrations must be received with payment by 8/22/11.

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*Please check the day you plan to attend: [ ] Friday  [ ] Saturday

Note: Full registration fee covers 4:00 pm 9/8/11 to 12:00 pm 9/11/11.

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**Pre-Convention Registration Fees**

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**Guest (other than attendee) Special Offer**

Thursday’s Opening Ceremony & Reception Only (Guest Name) ___________________________________

MAPS RN  COMMENTS $30

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**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, and general sessions.

**Friday, September 9, 2011**

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**Disability or dietary needs? Please state ________________________________________________________________

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Cancellations and Substitutions must be received in writing: E-mail amsn@ajj.com or mail AMSN National Office, East Holly Avenue, Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071. For cancellations received by August 8, 2011, 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

Preferred Daytime Phone:  ☐ Home  ☐ Work

Full Name of AMSN member who referred you to AMSN: __________________________

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 Enclose a copy of NSNA membership card. | $45 | —

Donation amount to AMSN Scholarship and Grant Program: __________________________

☐ Check enclosed made payable in U.S. funds to: AMSN

Charge my: ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

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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.

E-mail address: __________________________

Mandatory e-mail address to access the AMSN Web site and to receive valuable notifications from AMSN. AMSN will not share your e-mail address with an outside source.

☐ AMSN occasionally makes available its members’ preferred mailing address to organizations/companies approved by AMSN as providing valuable information to the medical-surgical nursing community. Check here if you prefer not to receive this information.

Data Questions (Please complete ALL information)

Circle one answer for each question that is available. Please do not fill in your own choices, use what is shown.

1. Professional Status
- RN
- LPN/LVN
- Other

2. Years experience as RN:
- Less than 2
- 2-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21-25
- 26 or more

3. Years as Med-Surg nurse:
- Less than 2
- 2-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21-25
- 26 or more

4. Primary Practice
- Inpatient Acute
- Inpatient Critical Care
- Inpatient Long-Term Care
- Ambulatory Services
- School of Nursing
- Other

5. Position
- Staff Nurse
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Educator/Faculty
- Researcher
- Unit Manager/Head Nurse
- Administrator/Director
- Student
- Other

6. Highest Level of Education Completed
- Diploma-nursing
- Associate degree-nursing
- Bachelor’s degree-nursing
- Bachelor’s degree-other
- Master’s degree-nursing
- Master’s degree-other
- Doctoral degree-nursing
- Doctoral degree-other

7. Your Gender
- Male
- Female

8. Are you MED-SURG Certified?
- Yes CMSRN
- Yes ANCC: BC or C
- No

9. What is your birthday month?

10. What is your birthday year?

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