Las Vegas
September 24-27, 2015
Paris Las Vegas

Highlights

- **Energize** your nursing knowledge
- **Enjoy** new friends and nurse colleagues
- **Earn** up to 15.25 CNE contact hours

The premier event for improving your practice.
Welcome

Take a tour de med-surg.
Your journey to Las Vegas will have a French twist this year with a stay at the Paris Las Vegas. Enjoy the lights, the learning, and the camaraderie. Voilá!

Learning

The convention will lift your professional confidence to a new level and inspire your practice like no other education event this year.

• Choose the topics most important to you, from clinical to leadership to advocacy.
• Learn how you can incorporate evidence-based practice at your own facility.
• Enjoy expert speakers who will inspire and enlighten you.

Connecting

During a convention, there’s nothing like a hug from a long-time friend or the energy you get when you make a new connection.

• Network with other nurses who share your compassion and commitment for the med-surg nursing specialty.
• Visit the interactive exhibit hall and meet with nurse poster presenters.
• Relax as the AMSN Board and staff welcome you at the convention orientation session.

Visit convention.amsn.org for details
Discovering

There are many paths on this journey that will lead to a newfound belief in yourself: your patient care skills, your ability to improve quality and safety, and your readiness to become a nursing leader.

- Peruse posters by your nursing colleagues who have a passion for innovation and best practices.
- Join a spirited conversation on clinical leadership in the Town Hall, always one of the convention’s most popular sessions.
- Learn new ways to improve your practice environment.

Exploring

Tour the convention headquarters, the Paris Las Vegas. It has a vaulted cloud ceiling, buttery pastries, and an Eiffel Tower. Need we say more?

- Choose from the city’s endless array of entertainment, from Cirque du Soleil’s acrobats to Penn & Teller’s legendary magic.
- Escape into your favorite food fantasy at famed restaurants and enjoy shopping and cultural events.
- Visit lasvegas.com to learn more.
Who Should Attend?

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

Featured Speakers

**Linda Aiken, PhD, RN, FAAN**, is the Claire M. Fagin Leadership Professor of Nursing and Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. She directs the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research in the School of Nursing and is senior fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the university.

Dr. Aiken is a noted researcher and leader who has served on boards of some of the country’s most influential health care organizations including the Institute of Medicine. She is a past-president of the American Academy of Nursing and has received many awards for her work on improving personal health services.

**Vicki Hess, MS, RN, CSP**, is the Principal of Catalyst Consulting, LLC, her own speaking, training, and consulting firm. In 2014, Vicki was voted a TOP 5 Speaker (health care) by Speaking.com for the fourth year in a row.

Ms. Hess works with organizations and associations across the country to positively impact employee engagement through consulting, workshops, retreats, and keynote presentations. She is the author of four books and also writes for industry and association publications including Hospital & Health Network, Becker’s Hospital Review, and NurseTogether.com.
Pre-Convention Review Course

010 Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course
Sandra D. Fights, MS, RN, CMSRN, CNE

Are you preparing for the CMSRN® certification exam? Seeking a refresher? This course will give you exactly what you need. It includes:
- Brief review of all body systems
- Fluids and electrolytes
- Common pathological conditions and treatments
- Appropriate nursing interventions

Earn 13.75 contact hours for attending both days.

CRC Only: $259 member/$319 regular
Optional book special available for $100. See p. 12 for more details.

Day 1 - Wednesday, September 23, 2015

6:45 am – 10:00 am Registration Open
7:15 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for CRC Registrants Only
7:45 am – 5:00 pm Certification Review Course
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch on Your Own
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration Open

Day 2 - Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:00 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open
7:00 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for CRC Registrants Only
7:45 am – 2:45 pm Certification Review Course
12:00 pm Box lunch provided

Main Convention Schedule

Day 2 - Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:00 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm New Member/First-Time Attendee Orientation
4:15 pm – 6:30 pm Opening Ceremonies & Opening Address – 1.25 contact hours

101 Becoming a Champion of Change: Your Checklist for Med-Surg Nursing Success
Vicki Hess, MS, RN, CSP

Ms. Hess will share insights to transform the way you work. You’ll learn how to bounce back when hit with challenges and get evidence-based tools and techniques for being a champion of change.
(This session will not appear in the AMSN Online Library.)

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/Poster Viewing

Questions? Call 866-877-2676 or email amsn-info@amsn.org
Day 3 - Friday, September 25, 2015

7:00 am – 5:30 pm  Registration Open
7:00 am – 8:00 am  Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:15 am  Presentation of the AMSN Anthony J. Jannetti Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Health Care

Keynote Address – 1.0 contact hour

102  Nursing’s Impact on Quality Outcomes
Linda H. Aiken, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dr. Aiken will examine how changes in provider payments and advances in nursing research improve the business case for investments in nursing.

Sponsored by MSNCB

9:15 am – 11:15 am  Exhibit Hall Open/Poster Viewing
11:15 am – 12:30 pm  Concurrent Sessions – 1.25 contact hours

111  Health Literacy: What It Is and What It Means to You and Your Patients
Jill Patricia Brown, BSN, RN
This session will explore how effective patient education improves outcomes, helps prevent readmission, and reduces health care costs.

112  Understanding Mental Illness and the Med-Surg Patient
Elizabeth Stevens, BSN, RN
The number of med-surg patients being admitted with co-occurring mental health disorders continues to grow. The etiology of these illnesses will be discussed, with the goal of gaining better understanding – and thus better patient outcomes – of the patient as a whole.

113  Medication Safety Best Practices
Leisa Kelly, MS, APRN-CNS, CEN
The six safety medication practices introduced by The Institute for Safe Medication Practice in 2014-2015 will be explored.

114  Update on Inflammatory Bowel Disease 2015
Peter Buch, AGAF, FACP, FACG
This session will discuss the presentation, evaluation, and treatment of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis and the latest controversies and the direction of future therapies in inflammatory bowel disease.

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm  Pick Up Box Lunch
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm  Concurrent Sessions – 1.0 contact hour

121  EKG Interpretation: Beyond the Basics
Allison Perkins, MSN, ACNS-BC
This session will focus on equipping the medical-surgical nurse with tools to use to interpret ECG rhythms that originate in the AV junction and ventricles.

122  Solving Challenges of Practice: Direct-Care Nurses Bring FLOWERS™ to the Bedside
Lynn Dykema Sprayberry, PhD, RN
Dr. Sprayberry will introduce FLOWERS™, a unique framework composed of seven concepts inspiring and empowering you to solve practice challenges with confidence and pride.

123  Are You Providing Evidence-Based Diabetes Care?
Donna L. Martin, DN, RN-BC, CMSRN, CDE
This session will review evidence-based recommendations for best practices in diabetes care, including blood glucose target ranges, treatment options, and examples of best-practice.
124 Refining Nurse Documentation in Your Electronic Health Record  
Lisa Hruby, BSN, RN; Mary Lou Murt, BSN, RN; Cheryl Panza, RN, CMSRN, NCIS  
How can clinicians attack the ‘elephant’ of documentation one bite at a time? In this session, the speakers will explore ways of making it easier to ‘do the right thing’ and engaging staff to work smarter.

125 Dimensions of Nurse Work Time  
Terry L. Jones, PhD, RN; Linda H. Yoder, PhD, RN, FAAN  
The interdependent nature of nursing care requires nurses to share time with other members of their work group. How time is shared within groups affects patient care outcomes and the work experience. Research findings related to shared time patterns will be discussed.

1:45 pm – 3:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open/Poster Viewing/Refreshment Break

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm General Session – 1.25 contact hours

130 Clinical Leadership: A Call to Action  
Cecelia Grindel, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Dr. Grindel will address the dimensions of clinical nurse leadership, identify essential content for knowledge attainment, and explore the competencies and skills of nurse leaders at the bedside.

Day 4 - Saturday, September 26, 2015

7:00 am – 5:15 pm Registration Open

7:00 am – 8:20 am Breakfast Symposium

200 An Introduction to Inpatient Fall and Injury Prevention Best Practices  
Mary McMillin, BSN, RN  
Sponsored by Hill-Rom  
(Participation is limited)

8:30 am – 10:00 am Town Hall – 1.25 contact hours

201 The Clinical Leadership Challenge: A Town Hall Discussion  
Robin A. Hertel, MSN, RN, CMSRN  
Clinical leadership is about advancing the quality and safety of care through innovation and improvement, both in the organizations in which the clinicians work as well as in their individual care practices. In order for nurses to achieve their highest potential in areas of clinical and leadership skills, they require empowerment from their management, their profession, and their colleagues. This town hall session is designed to discuss the aspects of clinical leadership for the medical-surgical nurse.

10:00 am – 10:15 am Coffee Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am Concurrent Sessions – 1.25 contact hours

211 How to Improve HCAHPS (and More) without Even Trying  
Samantha Vining, MS, RN, CEN  
Walk away with from this discussion on how you can improve HCAHPS and more by simply changing the location of handoff with tools for implementation on nearly any patient care unit.

212 Vaccination Leadership for Med-Surg Nurses: The Essentials of What You Need to Know  
Tracy Fogarty Scheirer, MSN, BS, RN, CMSRN  
This session will focus on vaccinations commonly administered in a medical-surgical setting.

213 The Medical-Surgical Nurse’s Survival Guide to Wound Care and Pressure Ulcers  
Julie Welsh, MS, APN, RN-BC, CMSRN, CNS-BC, CRRN  
Learn about the current interventions for prevention, identification, and staging of pressure ulcers. The session also includes the treatment and documentation needed to prevent legal consequences if a pressure ulcer develops.
11:30 am – 1:00 pm  220 Luncheon Symposium
Sponsored by Abbott Nutrition Health Institute
(This event is limited to 300 participants.)

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Concurrent Sessions – 1.25 contact hours

231 Stepping Up to SCIP: Meeting Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) Metrics in Step-Down Post-Operative Cardiac Surgery Blood Glucose Management
Jennifer P. Colwill, MSN, APRN, CCNS, PCCN
Kelly A. Haight, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, PCCN
This session will describe an improvement plan at one institution in safely meeting post-op blood glucose levels for cardiac surgery patients and the important role nurses play in interdisciplinary collaboration across levels of care to ensure quality compliance and patient safety.

232 Caring for a Unique Population: Homeless Veterans
Dianne M. McGuirk, RN, CMSRN, ACNS-BC; Shannon Slama, LVN
Homeless veterans are a unique patient population who may face chronic medical/mental health problems. Nurses will learn to feel more empowered in caring for these vets and will learn ways to deal with specific challenges, including barriers to care.

233 Mind the Gap: Navigating the Underground World of DKA
Christina Canfield, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN
Medical-surgical nurses will get an in-depth – but light-hearted – look at the pathophysiology of DKA, evidence-based strategies for managing DKA, and strategies for patient education in the prevention of DKA, during this presentation.

234 Acute Stroke: Assessing and Treating to Optimize Outcomes
Hsiong Chen, MD
Learn how to recognize stroke and stroke mimics and be able to quickly and confidently assess an NIH stroke score to minimize time to treatment.

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions – 1.25 contact hours

241 The Connection between Wellness and Service
Joey Traywick, RN
Get ready to laugh and move in this light-hearted and inspirational presentation about what happens when we connect WELLNESS and SERVICE.

242 Physiological Effects of Alcohol Intoxication and Withdrawal: Don’t Be Fooled
Christine Schulman, MS, RN, CNS, CCRN
This session identifies the physiologic effects of both acute and chronic alcohol abuse on ill and injured patients.

243 Whose Ostomy Is This? The Art and Science of Ostomies – Basic Principles
Katherine Mehhaffey, BSN, RN, CWS, CWOCN, CFCN
Attendees will receive a brief overview, as well as the history and basic principles, of ostomy management. Types of ostomies, appliances, accessories, and general pouching principles will be discussed.

244 Deciphering AV Blocks: Tips and Tools for Success
Allison Perkins, MSN, ACNS-BC
This session will focus on equipping the medical-surgical nurse with tools to use to interpret and decipher atrial-ventricular (AV) heart blocks.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Break
251 Partners in Care: One Unit's Journey toward Patient- and Family-Centered Care  
Deborah Moore, MSN, NE-BC  
Patient- and family-centered care and its impact on satisfaction will be discussed in detail. Topics will include how to communicate effectively, decrease readmissions, improve outcomes, and lower costs. Staff recruitment/retention and nurses' time at the bedside will also be presented.

252 Aortic/Thoracic Aneurysm: Nursing Considerations  
Marian Soat, MSN, RN, CCNS, CCRN  
This session examines the nursing considerations for the patient with an aortic/thoracic aneurysm.

253 New Multi-Drug Resistant Superbugs. What Is the Big Deal?  
Toni Biasi, MPH, MSN, RN, CIC  
Learn the meaning of the term “Superbugs,” and why they have become a growing global health threat.

254 Mind Over Bladder: Skills for Management of Common Urologic Complications  
Traci Brackin, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CWOCN, CFCN  
This session will cover common urologic complications, including bacteriuria, urinary incontinence, and the care of urostomies and urinary diversions.

Day 5 – Sunday, September 27, 2015

7:00 am – 12:45 pm  Registration Open
7:00 am – 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:15 am  General Session – 1.25 contact hours

301 Care Coordination and Transition Management – Facilitating Safe and Seamless Transitions between Health Care Settings  
Mary Sue Dailey, APN-CN  
This session is designed to illustrate the RN's critical role in assisting, facilitating, and enabling patients to transition seamlessly between health care settings.

9:15 am – 10:00 am  Awards/Induction Ceremony and President’s Address  
Jill Arzouman, MS, RN, CMSRN, ACNS-BC  
AMSN President 2014-2016

10:00 am – 10:15 am  Coffee Break
10:15 am – 11:15 am  Concurrent Sessions – 1.0 contact hour

311 Knowledge Transfer: Make the Most of Your Poster Presentation  
Sandra Siedlecki, PhD, RN, CNS  
Would you like to learn how you can make your poster as effective a learning tool as possible? This session will describe findings of a study that will help all nurses better convey their knowledge in a poster.

312 Impact of the Implementation of a Nurse-Driven Mobility Protocol on an Inpatient Med-Surg Unit  
Cristiane Fukuda, ANP-BC, Sandra Gandee, CNS, APRN-BC  
Learn how the implementation of a mobility protocol resulted in a significant decrease in falls, readmission rates, and hospital length of stay for patients.

313 Updates in Pharmacology  
Elena Valcarlos, PharmD  
You will get the latest information about new medications and new uses for old medications that have been approved or reported in the last 1-2 years. (Please note: This session will not include anticoagulants as these will be covered in a separate session.)
314  **Changing Nurses Practice to Reduce Work-Related Fatigue and Increase Patient Safety**  
*Cheryl Smith-Miller, PhD, MEd*

In this session, you will learn about a study that explored the influence of nursing unit culture and individual’s practice on nurses’ work-related fatigue.

**11:20 am – 12:20 pm  Concurrent Sessions – 1.0 contact hour**

321  **Trends in Anticoagulation Therapy**  
*Clarice Maala, APRN*

You will learn about the new recommendations for treating clotting disorders.

322  **What Are the Educational Needs of Medical-Surgical Nurses Who Care for Cancer Survivors in Non-Oncology Clinical Settings?**  
*Joan Such Lockhart, PhD, RN, CORLN, AOCN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN; Melinda G. Oberleitner, DNS, RN*

In this session, the presenters will describe the results of a national survey of both oncology and medical-surgical registered nurses and will identify the knowledge needs of RNs who care for cancer survivors on non-oncology clinical units.

323  **Grace under Pressure: Self Care in the Face of Workplace Incivility**  
*Judy Pasternack, BSN, RN*

Why do people bully others in the workplace? Learn how you can handle such behavior while maintaining your ego strength and self-confidence.

324  **Strike Back Against Sepsis: Focus on Early Recognition and Understanding Treatment**  
*Catherine S. Thomas, DNP, RN*

This session will review types of sepsis, at-risk populations, significant assessments, treatment modalities, and the importance of providing focused care to survivors.

**Post-Convention CMSRN Exam**

**Monday, September 28, 2015**

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

8:00 am – 12:00 pm  **CMSRN® Exam**

If you would like to sit for the CMSRN exam, visit [www.msn.org](http://www.msn.org) apply for complete details, including registration and application information. *Please note: the deadline to register is August 1, 2015.*

**Registration & General Information**

**Hotel Information**  
Paris Las Vegas  
3655 Las Vegas Boulevard South  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

A block of rooms has been secured for the rate of **$169 Single/Double** occupancy. The rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently at 12%). The special rate is available until **August 24, 2015**. Reservations made after this date are subject to space and rate availability.

To receive the conference group rate, you may:

- Call 877-603-4389 and request a room under AMSN
- Make your reservations online at [www.convention.amsn.org](http://www.convention.amsn.org)

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

Paris Las Vegas offers free self and valet parking, both of which are accessible just off of Las Vegas Boulevard at the front entrance to the resort.

**Airport**

McCarran International Airport is approximately 4 miles from the Paris Las Vegas hotel. Shuttles and taxi cabs are located outside of baggage claim. Approximate shuttle rates: $7 one-way; $13 round-trip per person. Prices are current at time of printing and are subject to change.

Visit [convention.amsn.org](http://convention.amsn.org) for details
Weather
Typical weather conditions vary from 65 degrees to 95 degrees. Please remember to pack a sweater, as conference rooms can get cold. We suggest you bring comfortable walking shoes for your conference 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-info@amsn.org. Purchase orders are not accepted as payment. (All fees are in US 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 24, 2015. No refunds will be made after that date.
AMSN 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 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 for any reason including but not limited to registration responses, strikes, 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.

Opening Reception, Exhibit Hall, and Poster Presentations
Join us Thursday evening, September 24, 2015, for the Opening Reception. Enjoy light food and beverages as you network and visit with exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall. The vendors will show you how the latest products, technologies, and publications will enhance your practice.
Poster presentations will spotlight your colleagues who want to share what they are doing on medical-surgical units around the world. Posters may be viewed on both Thursday and Friday, September 24 and 25.
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.
Guest Registration for the Opening Reception on Thursday evening, September 24, is $30. Guest badges may be purchased using the registration form or at the Convention Registration Desk.

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 15.25 contact hours
• Medical-Surgical Certification Review Course (2-day course): 13.75 contact hours
This convention is jointly provided by Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc. (AJJ) and the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN).

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Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) Exam
The Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) is pleased to offer a pre-convention Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) certification exam on Monday, September 28, 2015, at the Paris Hotel. A separate application and registration fee are required to take the exam. Visit www.msnCB.org to access the exam application. The application deadline for this exam is August 1, 2015. No exam applications will be accepted onsite.
Consider taking the Certification Review Course on Wednesday and Thursday, September 23 and 24, then sitting for the CMSRN exam on Monday, September 28.

Photo Release
AMSN occasionally uses photographs of convention participants in promotional media (print or electronic). By virtue of your attendance, you agree to use of your image in such media.

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Special Deals and Discounts
Full registration includes:
• Up to 15.25 Continuing Nursing Education contact hours
• AMSN Online Library Access
• Opening Reception
• Continental breakfasts and refreshment breaks
• One “Lunch and Learn”

Special Events Saturday!
• Breakfast sponsored by Hill-Rom
• Luncheon sponsored by Abbott Nutrition

Seating is limited and advanced registration is required.

Early Bird Special
Register by July 27, 2015, and save $65 on the regular/onsite full convention registration fee. (Note: mailed forms must be postmarked by July 27, 2015).

AMSN Member Group Discount
Save $25 each when three or more members register at the same time. To qualify, all registrations must be submitted together via mail or fax only.

Save $90 when you combine the Early Bird Special and the Group Discount!
AMSN Members save $100!
As an AMSN member, you’ll enjoy a savings of $100 on your convention registration fees. To be eligible for the member rate, you must be an AMSN member through September 30, 2015. If your membership expires prior to September 30, 2015, you may renew your membership at the same time you register for the convention to qualify for the member rate. Simply check the AMSN membership box on the convention registration form, include $84 for your membership dues, and register for the convention at the member rate. Your renewal will begin upon your current expiration.

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Join AMSN with your convention registration and get the discounted rate, PLUS reap all of the other benefits of membership (visit www.amsn.org/benefits for full details). 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.

Review Course Optional Books Special!
Order the Core Curriculum for Medical-Surgical Nursing (4th edition), and the new Medical-Surgical Nursing Review Questions (© 2014), when you register for the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course and save $10 off of the lowest member prices with no shipping and handling costs! To get the discount simply choose “Optional Books Special” when you register. The books will be sent to you immediately so you can begin studying. For registrations received after September 9, 2015, the book order will be held for pick up onsite.

Access Online Library and Convention Handouts
Thanks to the AMSN Online Library, you get even more value for your registration.

All attendees receive free access to convention sessions at www.amsn.org/library. Listen to sessions you may have missed onsite 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 (use code AMSN15).
• Evaluate sessions online (onsite or after the convention). Please do so within 4 weeks.
• Access your CNE certificates in the library and print anytime.
• You can share your library access to the convention content with two colleagues for free. (Additional fee for contact hours.)

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This is by far one of the best conferences I have ever been to. All the speakers were engaging and the interactions with my peers were great. I can’t wait to attend again!

Trish Goble, Belmont, NC

This convention was amazing - very relevant to my practice. I enjoyed seeing the future of nursing and the initiatives being used at other facilities. I would recommend that all attend!

Alyssa Bruchkorn, Allentown, PA

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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, 2015, to qualify for member rates. Current members may renew their AMSN membership with their convention registration. Membership will commence upon current expiration.

## Main Registration Fees

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### 3+ members by mail or fax only

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Note: Main registration fee covers 3:00 pm 9/24/15 to 12:20 pm 9/27/15.

## Daily Registration Fees

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## Certification Review Course Registration Fees

- Not included with main convention fees

### 010 Medical-Surgical Certification Review Course (2-day, September 23 & 24, 2015)

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Separate application and pre-registration fee required to take CMSRN exam.

## Guest Registration (other than attendee)

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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.

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Cancellations and Substitutions must be received in writing: Email amsn@ajn.com or mail AMSN National Office, East Holly Avenue, Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071. For cancellations received by August 24, 2015, 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.