25th Annual Convention
The premier event for improving your practice.

Washington, DC
September 29 - October 2, 2016
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

Highlights
Discover new directions for your practice
Make career-changing connections
Enjoy our nation’s capital
Moments that challenge you

- Learn from expert speakers and reimagine your personal and professional goals. Earn up to 15.25 CNE contact hours.
- Discover practice innovations and spark changes at your own facility.
- Step out of your comfort zone. Are you a future researcher? Advocate? Leader?

Moments that inspire you

- View posters by your colleagues who have blended the art and science of nursing.
- Join the conversation! Get vocal in the Town Hall, chat with exhibitors, post live on social media.
- Explore clinical topics and enjoy a newfound belief in yourself and your patient care skills.
Moments that move you

• Connect with colleagues you admire and trust at the networking events. It’s one of the best aspects of the convention.

• Feel the group energy! It builds throughout the convention with collective compassion and commitment.

• We all speak the same language: patient care. The convention is filled with nurses who understand.

Moments that rejuvenate you

• Visit some of the most famous museums and monuments in the world.

• Choose from an endless array of shops, restaurants, and entertainment.

• Treat yourself to the “Washington by Night” guided tour. For details, visit convention.amsn.org.
Who Should Attend?

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

Featured Speakers

Terry M. Foster, MSN, RN, FAEN, CCRN, CPEN, CEN, has been a volunteer, ward clerk, staff nurse, charge nurse, critical-care instructor, clinical director, and night supervisor at the Mercy Hospitals of Cincinnati in Ohio, and at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Kentucky. Mr. Foster is a well-known author and speaker, addressing both nursing humor as well as clinical topics. He has been featured on several health-related television shows.

Mr. Foster has received the Judith Kelleher Award from the Emergency Nurses Association and was inducted as a Fellow in the Academy of Emergency Nursing. He currently works as a critical-care clinical nurse specialist in the emergency departments at St. Elizabeth’s, where he also coordinates the code blue and rapid response teams.

Tim Porter-O’Grady, DM, EdD, ScD(h), GCNS-BC, NEA-BC, CWCN, CFCN, FAAN, has been involved in health care for 44 years and has held roles from staff nurse to senior executive. He is senior partner of an international health care consulting firm in Atlanta specializing in health futures, organizational innovation, conflict and change, and health service delivery models.

Dr. Porter-O’Grady is also a professor of practice and leadership scholar at Arizona State University, College of Nursing and Health Innovation, and clinical professor and leadership scholar at the Ohio State University College of Nursing in the executive DNP program. He has published extensively and is an 8-time winner of the AJN Healthcare Book of the Year Award.

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Discounts

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Details

**Need to print your registration and send a check?** We’ve got you covered with a downloadable registration form at the end of this document and online at convention.amsn.org.

**Want to attend a session you missed?** Log in to the AMSN Online Library 3 weeks after the convention. Unlimited access is included with registration.

**Questions?** Call 866-877-2676 or email amsn-info@amsn.org. We’re glad to help!

Register

Visit convention.amsn.org for full convention details and to register.
Pre-Convention Review Course

010 Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course
Caroline Ashman, MSN, RN, CMSRN

Becoming a CMSRN® is one of the best career moves you will ever make. If you’re preparing for the exam, or if you just need a med-surg nursing refresher, you’ll want to take this course. It includes:
- Body systems review
- 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 $110 members/$135 non-members. Includes free shipping for regular registrations.
Pre-registration required, click here for details.

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
7:00 am – 10:00 am Registration Open
7:00 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

Thursday, September 29, 2016
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 for CRC Registrants Only

Main Convention Schedule

Thursday, September 29, 2016
7:00 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm First-Time Attendee Orientation
4:15 pm – 6:30 pm Opening Ceremonies & Opening Address

101 Surviving and Thriving in the Crazy World of Nursing! – 1.25 contact hours
Terry M. Foster, MSN, RN, FAEN, CCRN, CPEN

Do you sometimes just need to hear about the good things nurses do? Listen to this practical, realistic, and positive talk about the supportive and caring work of nurses. We’ll talk about what makes nurses tick, as well as what can tick us off! We’ll also laugh at some of the crazy and funny things that only nurses know. We want you to listen, laugh, be energized, and restore your pride as a professional nurse!

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/Poster Viewing
Friday, September 30, 2016

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

**102 Leadership and Responsibilities of the Nurse at the Bedside and Shared Governance** – 1.0 contact hour
Tim Porter-O’Grady, DM, EdD, ScD(h), GCNS-BC, NEA-BC, CWCN, CFCN, FAAN
Sponsored by MSNCB

The health care system is in the midst of a major transformation, shifting from a volume-grounded delivery system to a value-driven system. This shift has changed the rules, calling for new structures and services, delivery models, leadership, and practices that will alter the nurse’s role in important ways.

9:15 am – 11:15 am Exhibit Hall Open/Poster Viewing
11:15 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions (111-114)

**111 Advocacy for the Medical-Surgical Nurse: Influencing the Legislative and Regulatory Process** – 1.25 contact hours
Leslie Yarnell Gervase, MSN, BA, RN-BC, OCN
Discuss how nurses are uniquely qualified to step into leadership roles to influence clinical decisions to promote quality clinical care delivery problems identified through public policy.

**112 Don’t Let Chronic Pain Be a Barrier to Quality Care** – 1.25 contact hours
Michael Scott Urton, MSN, CNS, APRN-BC
Illustrate how dialogue and scripting can be used to improve pain management interactions with patients.

**113 Up and Down the GI Track: What’s New in 2016** – 1.25 contact hours
Peter Buch, MD, AGAF, FACP
The last few years have brought significant changes in the field of gastroenterology. Are you up to date on the current guidelines? Eosinophilic esophagitis, Barrett’s esophagus, biliary tract disorders, diverticulitis – come join the discussion and let’s review some compelling interactive cases.

**114 Cursing in Nursing: The Rationale Behind the Behavior and Strategies on How We Can Change Our Thinking to Improve the Practice Environment** – 1.25 contact hours
Amanda Beth Fay, MSN, RN
Develop an awareness of language, how it affects us, and its effect on patient safety. We’ll discuss how we can change our thinking through our words so we are effectively heard. Better language helps create an authentic and creative work environment that supports both nurses and patients.

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

**120 Lunch Symposium** – Sponsored by Abbott Nutrition Health Institute (Participation is limited)
OR
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Pick Up Box Lunch
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (121-124)

**121 Communication Between RN and Physician** – 1.0 contact hour
Wendy Sullivan, RN; Amanda Anderson, RN
Research has shown that disconnects in communication between health care providers have been linked to adverse patient outcomes and frustration within the health care community. Good communication between nurse, physician, and patient will lead to safe and efficient patient care. Our project has improved patient, provider, and nurse communication and has led to better outcomes.

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Legal Implications of Documentation – 1.0 contact hour
Barbara Oberg Hansen, MS, RN, LNCC, CPHRM

Legal implications of documentation will be discussed with an emphasis on nursing documentation in the era of the electronic medical record (EMR). Strategies for clear, concise, credible documentation will be described with examples. The nurse’s role in patient safety and risk management related to EMR documentation will be identified.

Writing for Publication – 1.0 contact hour
Dottie Roberts, EdD(c), MSN, MACI, RN, OCNS-C, CMSRN, CNE

Identify opportunities to write from everyday practice and explore the manuscript development, revision, and publication process.

Lateral Violence – 1.0 contact hour
Janie Chappell, MSN, RN

This session will examine the concept of lateral violence in the nursing profession. We will also discuss how to recognize lateral violence, and identify prevention and intervention strategies.

Interprofessional Patient Care Rounds – 1.25 contact hours
Eric Griffin, MSN, RN, CEN; Laura Anne Bolella, BSN, RN; Debra Jean Meyer, MHA, BSN, RN, NE-BC

Explore how to create a standardized bedside interdisciplinary team approach in developing a plan of care where the patient is not the audience but an active team member.

Heart Failure Outcomes: Patient and Nursing Factors – 1.25 contact hours
Susan Bionat, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, CCRN

Discuss nursing and patient factors affecting outcomes of readmissions and related evidence interventions.

Living with COPD: Nursing Management using a Case Study – 1.25 contact hours
Jessica Sherman, DNP, RN-BC

This session will follow two individuals suffering from COPD and their caregiver from diagnosis through treatment. The case study includes the tough decisions involved in palliative and end-of-life care. We will also discuss the physiologic differences of emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and Alpha-1 Antitrypsin deficiency and how the slight differences matter in individual treatment. COPD diagnosis and the nurse’s role in managing COPD will also be addressed.

Nurses Can Impact Patient Transitions of Care – 1.25 contact hours
Cheryl Panza, RN, CMSRN; Lynda Nester

Examine how using an interprofessional team approach to care and meeting patient goals promotes success for the patient, and in turn, the provider and facility.

The AMSN PRISM Award® – Nuts and Bolts of the Application Process (No contact hours will be awarded for this session.)
Virginia Hallenbeck, DNP, RN, ACNS

Do you work on an exemplary unit? Would you like to apply for the AMSN PRISM Award but are unsure of the process? During this session, you’ll learn everything you need to know about submitting a successful application. PRISM Task Force members will explain the criterion, and key attributes of an exemplary unit will be reviewed. A Q & A session will address additional questions.

Saturday, October 1, 2016

6:45 am – 7:50 am
200 Breakfast Symposium
Sponsored by Hill-Rom (Participation is limited)

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Open
7:00 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:30 am  Town Hall

201  The Elephant in the Room: Assessing and Addressing Nurse Staffing Solutions – 1.25 contact hours  
Michele D. George, MBA, BSN, RN  
Safe and appropriate staffing is a complex issue faced daily by nurses. Ineffective staffing has a negative effect on the practice environment, so various staffing models are now being proposed to address this challenging problem. Please join us for a lively Town Hall to share best practice examples of effective staffing models and their impact on the practice environment.

9:30 am – 9:45 am  Coffee Break

9:45 am – 11:00 am  Concurrent Sessions (211-214)

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<td>Bedside Shift Report: Shining the Light of Evidence-Based Practice on a Nursing Tradition – 1.25 contact hours</td>
<td>Carol Ann Esche, DNP, MA, RN, NE-BC; Deborah Rouse, BSN, RN-BC, VA-BC</td>
<td>Accelerate your knowledge about the bedside shift report (BSR) process. Come learn about an evidence-based five-pronged model for implementing BSR in your organization to reduce communication errors and improve safety and quality. Results of a research study assessing RN self-efficacy with BSR will be described.</td>
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<td>Liver Disease: Not Just for People Who Drink Too Much – 1.25 contact hours</td>
<td>Shannon Allean Rives, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN</td>
<td>Examine aspects of liver disease from interpreting elevated liver enzymes to identifying evidence-based nonpharmacologic treatments for nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatic encephalopathy.</td>
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<td>If It Isn’t an MI, What Is It? The Path to Diagnosis of Non-Cardiac Chest Pain – 1.25 contact hours</td>
<td>Curtis Ernest Olson, BSN, BA, RN, EMTP, CEN</td>
<td>Examine the noncardiac etiologies of chest pain, starting with the subtle or obvious clues from initial patient presentation to typical emergency department testing to final differential diagnosis.</td>
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<td>Pathophysiology and Treatment of Thyroid and Adrenal Gland Disorders – 1.25 contact hours</td>
<td>Joan Frizzell, PhD, CRNP, ANP-BC</td>
<td>This presentation will focus on treating altered thyroid and altered adrenal function. The session will also provide an overview of normal endocrine function, emphasizing the hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid axis and the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis. We will examine the usual etiologies of hypo/hyper thyroid and hypo/hyper adrenal function, diagnostic studies, and pharmacotherapeutics.</td>
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<td>What Will Medical-Surgical Nursing in Your Organization Look Like in 2020? A Game Plan to Assure It Successfully Transitions and Flourishes! – 1.25 contact hours</td>
<td>Nicole Spess, BSN, RN, CMSRN; Catherine Morrow, BSN, RN</td>
<td>Use transformational leadership practices and strategies to assure nursing and the medical-surgical specialty successfully transition and flourish in the new health care paradigm.</td>
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<td>Parkinson’s Disease: What Our Patients Want Us to Know – 1.25 contact hours</td>
<td>Melissa Armstrong, MS, RN, GCNS-BC, CMSRN</td>
<td>Learn about Parkinson’s disease (PD) through the eyes of the patient with PD and their caregivers.</td>
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<td>Acute Liver Failure: Monitor, Treat, and Support – 1.25 contact hours</td>
<td>Darlene Lovasik, MN, RN, CCRN</td>
<td>Review issues related to liver failure such as clinical manifestations, general patient care, laboratory testing, hemodynamic management, bleeding prevention, infection control, and treatment. Managing complications including metabolic abnormalities, encephalopathy, cerebral edema, and increased intracranial pressure will also be discussed.</td>
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But I’m Not a Psych Nurse: Caring for Patients with Behavioral Health Needs in the Medical-Surgical Setting – 1.25 contact hours
Catherine Skowrons, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC
Identify skills to care for the patient with psychiatric needs in the medical-surgical setting.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch on Your Own
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (231-234)

Learn How to Enhance (and Maybe Even Enjoy!) the Experience of Nursing Students on the Medical-Surgical Unit – 1.25 contact hours
Kathleen M. Martin, DNP, RN, CNE
Learn how bedside nurses can create a positive learning experience for nursing students. This session identifies ways nurses can help students improve their communication and patient assessment skills, leaving them more engaged and confident.

Grief Takes You by Surprise: What to Do and What to Say – 1.25 contact hours
Julie Welsh, MS, APN, CMSRN, CNS-BC, RN-BC, CRRN
Review case studies and evidence-based practice on how to help patients and families cope when they are experiencing grief and mourning.

Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS): A Paradigm Shift in Surgical Nursing Practice – 1.25 contact hours
Heidi Robinson, MSN, RN; Kathy Henderson, MSN, RN, CCTN
Discuss how a plan of care using enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) pathways helps improve patient outcomes while reducing cost.

The New #1 Hospital-Acquired Infection and How to Prevent It – 1.25 contact hours
Dian Baker, PhD, APRN; Barbara Quinn, MSN, CNS
Examine how nurses can use a team-based, interdisciplinary approach to take the lead in their hospital system to monitor and implement an effective NV-HAP prevention program.

Catastrophic Events: Excellence in Healthcare Security and Safety – 1.25 contact hours
Steve Lugar, BS, FBINA
This session will provide an overview of current trends in violence and address warning signs and response methods. Crime prevention through environmental design and active shooter response and recovery will also be discussed.

Sunday, October 2, 2016

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

The Evidence for Evidence-Based Practice: Making EBP a Reality – 1.25 contact hours
Lynn Gallagher-Ford, PhD, RN, DPFNAP, NE-BC
This session will provide a comprehensive look at the challenges and opportunities of creating culture and systems where evidence-based practice (EBP) can be implemented and sustained in current, real-world health care settings. The critical responsibilities of all employees to integrate EBP into their work and practice, from frontline clinicians to leaders, will be discussed.
(This session will not be included in the Online Library.)

9:15 am – 10:00 am Induction Ceremony/President’s Address/Closing Remarks
Linda Yoder, PhD, MBA, RN, AO-CN, FAAN, AMSN President, 2016-2018
10:00 am – 10:15 am Coffee Break
311  Don’t Get Cooked by the Pressure of Healthcare – 1.0 contact hour
Debra Ann Kahnen, BSN, RN, CMSRN; Bethlyn Gerard, NCQA, PCMH-CCE, HTCP, CPA, LMT
Discuss the effects of stress on health, nursing practice, patient safety, and healthy practice environment, and identify techniques to effectively deal with stresses.

312  Is Constipation a Diagnosis or Symptom: Does It Matter If Your Patient Can’t Poop? – 1.0 contact hour
Sandra Siedlecki, PhD, RN, CNS
Review the current research on constipation and discuss the role of nurses in identifying and intervening in a timely manner to prevent major complications.

313  Caring for the Pregnant or Lactating Woman in a Medical-Surgical Setting – 1.0 contact hour
Cynthia Denise Rothenberger, DNP, RN, ACNS, BC
Explore evidence-based information to better prepare the medical-surgical nurse to care for patients who are pregnant or breast-feeding, including an overview of relevant pathophysiologic changes seen in the first trimester and during lactation.

314  Reducing Distractions during Medication Administration through Evidence-Based Practice – 1.0 contact hour
Janet Tompkins McMahon, DNP(c), MSN, RN, ANEF
Discuss an evidence-based quality improvement (QI) project at a regional medical center using a medication safety vest and signage during medication administration.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm  Concurrent Sessions (321-324)

321  How to Improve HCAHPS (and More) without Even Trying – 1.0 contact hour
Samantha Moran Vining, MS, RN
Come along on a journey with one unit that drastically improved patient satisfaction by moving handoff to the bedside. Even if you already do bedside handoff, you will learn new information during this energetic and engaging presentation.

322  Trends in Managing Diabetes – 1.0 contact hour
Eunice E. Ihaza, DNP, ANP-C, BC
Discuss current care practices and explore new methods for individualizing patient care in treating diabetes.

323  Skin Disorders in the Bariatric Patient – 1.0 contact hour
Kimberly D. Hall, DNP, RN, GCNS-BC, CWCN-AP
This session will review commonly occurring skin disorders in the bariatric patient that are often seen in hospitalized patients. Treatment modalities that can be used to help manage these skin disorders will also be discussed.

324  An Innovative Way to Teach Patients about the Care of Their Continent Urinary Diversions – 1.0 contact hour
Deborah Lynn Solomon, MSN, RN, ACNS, BC; Diane Cleary, BSN, RN, CMSRN, NE-C
The presenters will explain an innovative approach to patient education for continent cutaneous diversions involving an interprofessional team comprised of a clinical nurse specialist, nurse manager, physician, and shared governance bedside nurse.
Registration & General Information

Hotel Information
Washington Marriott Wardman Park
2260 Woodley Road NW
Washington, DC 20008-4106

A block of rooms has been secured at the special rates of $205 for single/double. This rate is subject to applicable state and local taxes, currently 14.5%. Check-in is 4 pm and check-out is 12 pm.

To receive the conference rate, make online reservations on the AMSN website (amsn.org) or call hotel reservations at 877-212-5752 and refer to the 2016 AMSN Convention. The conference rate is available through August 26, 2016, or until the room block is full. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

Parking
Valet Parking is $46 daily. Self-Parking is $41 daily. Rates are subject to change.

Airport
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is 7 miles from the hotel and Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) is 24 miles from the hotel.

Discounted airport shuttle service is offered by Abe’s Transportation to the hotel through reservation only from September 26-29, 2016. Discounted airport shuttle service is offered by Super Shuttle to both hotels. Rates are $12.60 round-trip for a shared ride from Reagan National (DCA) and $26.10 for a shared ride from Dulles International (IAD). Discount is automatically recognized. Enter the hotel name for drop off location. Visit the AMSN convention registration website to access the Super Shuttle discount link.

One-way taxi fare from DCA is approximately $30 and from IAD approximately $60 (rates subject to change).

Weather
Average high temperatures fluctuate between the upper 70s/low 80s, with nighttime lows in the high 50s, making this a pleasant time to visit DC. Conference room temperatures in the hotel may vary so please remember to bring a sweater. We also suggest 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 or money order. If payment is not received by the AMSN 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 e-mail amsn-info@amsn.org. 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 29, 2016. 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 29, 2016, 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 29-30, 2016.

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 29, 2016, 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’s 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. (AJI) 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 post-convention Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) certification exam on Monday, October 3, 2016, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.
A separate application and registration fee are required to take the exam. Visit msncb.org to access the exam application. The application deadline for this exam is August 1, 2016. No exam applications will be accepted onsite.
Consider taking the Certification Review Course on Wednesday and Thursday, September 28-29, 2016, then sitting for the CMSRN exam on Monday, October 3, 2016.

Photo Release
AMSN will take photos of attendees throughout the convention. These photos are for AMSN and MSNCB use only and may appear on the websites, newsletters, conference brochures, social media outlets, or other future promotional material. This also includes photos uploaded using the AMSN convention app. By virtue of your attendance, you agree to usage of your likeness in such media.

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

Early Bird Special
Register by August 1, 2016, and save $65 on the regular/onsite full convention registration fee. (Note: mailed forms must be postmarked by August 1, 2016.)

AMS 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.

AMS 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 October 31, 2016. If your membership expires prior to October 31, 2016, 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.

Not a Member?
Join AMSN with your convention registration and get the discounted rate, PLUS reap all of the other member benefits (visit 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 new Core Curriculum for Medical-Surgical Nursing (© 2016), and the Medical-Surgical Nursing Review Questions (© 2014), when you register for the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course and receive a discount with no shipping and handling costs! To get the discount, 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 14, 2016, 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 AMSN16).
• Evaluate sessions online (onsite or after the convention). Please do so within 4 weeks.
• Access your CNE certificates in the library and print any time.

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WASHINGTON BY NIGHT
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