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## WHO WE ARE

Periop ConneCT, a premier event for Perioperative RNs, CSTs, and SPD professionals in the CT and Northeast region, is proud to have the support of OR Today magazine in planning its annual conference. We invite you to join us for CE-accredited education, exhibits with leading vendors, and great networking events.

**\*\*NEW for 2024!\*\***

Periop ConneCT is also excited to introduce poster presentations for this year's conference. Posters will be on display during exhibit hall hours and will provide attendees with an opportunity to earn additional CE credit. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and work with Periop ConneCT attendees, you can do so with a poster presentation. To submit a poster presentation, visit [periopconnect.com/submit-a-poster-presentation](https://periopconnect.com/submit-a-poster-presentation)

The deadline for submissions is August 30, 2024.

## EDUCATION

Friday, October 25

4-4:45 PM

### A Multi-modal Approach on the Use of Clinical Aromatherapy



JD Buchert, M.Ed., MS, MSN(s),  
RN, CNOR, Workforce

Safety Manager, Parkland Health

Learn the outcomes and the importance of nurse-led research for three projects in an urban-based, safety-net county hospital system focusing on the improvement of staff wellness and patient care outcomes.

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## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 2 PM Registration
- 3 PM Exhibit Hall Set-up
- 4-4:45 PM Education
- 5-5:45 PM Education
- 6-8 PM Exhibit Hall Grand Opening
- 8-10 PM 90's Dance Party

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 7 AM Registration
- 7 AM Breakfast
- 8 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 8:15-9:15 AM Morning Keynote: What Can You Do To Diminish Implicit Bias?
- 9:30-10:15 AM Education
- 10:30-11:15 AM Education
- 11:15-1:15 PM Lunch with Vendor Partners, Booth Bingo & Door Prizes
- 1:30-2:30 PM Afternoon Keynote: Integrity Check: Challenge 'This Is How We've Always Done It'
- 2:45-3:30 PM Education
- 3:45-4:30 PM Education
- 4:45-5 PM Closing Remarks

For the most up to date schedule, visit [periopconnect.com/schedule](https://periopconnect.com/schedule).

5-5:45 PM

### Prosthetic Joint Infections: Strategies for Prevention and Management



Lee E. Rubin, M.D., FAAOS, FAAHKS, FAOA. Associate Professor, Yale Orthopaedics. Chief, YNHH Total Joint Replacement Program; Ilda B. Molloy, MD, Assistant Professor, Yale Orthopaedics



The audience will hear about current, evidence-based strategies to prevent infections in the OR environment in order to better understand why surgical teams are adopting certain interventions as standards of practice for total joint replacement cases. In addition, the symposium will also address the current treatment strategies on how best to manage PJI, including debridement and implant retention (DAIR), 1-stage, 1.5-stage, and 2-stage surgeries.

**Saturday, October 26**  
**8:15-9:15 AM**

## MORNING KEYNOTE

### What Can You Do To Diminish Implicit Bias?



*Darlene B. Murdock, MSN, BBA, RN, CNOR, CSSM, Clinical Staff RN IV, Memorial Hermann Hospital—Texas Medical Center*

Research has shown that healthcare professionals' biases can lead to disparities in healthcare.

This presentation aims to raise awareness among healthcare professionals about implicit bias and how it can impact the quality of care they provide. The presenter will share personal stories, engage participants in an exercise to explore their initial thoughts when specific individuals walk into the OR, analyze a case scenario, and lastly provide some strategies to diminish implicit bias.

### 9:30-10:15 AM Workplace Violence Prevention



*Nancy LaMonica, MSN, MHA, RN, PCCN, NEA-BC, Chief Nurse Executive, Department of Mental Health and Addiction*

The participant will learn how a group of nurse leaders took the current nursing environment and advocated at the state capital to improve workplace violence in acute care. By going to the capital on several occasions and advocating for a bill to decrease workplace violence they were able to get Bill HB6471 passed seven months later.

### Minimally Invasive Foot and Ankle Surgery



*Thomas A. McDonald, MD, FAAOS, Orthopedic Associates of Hartford, PC*

This session will provide an overview of advancements in minimally invasive foot and ankle surgery for perioperative professionals.

### 10:30 - 11:15 AM Transgender Care: A Door-to-Door Experience With a Keen Focus on the Perioperative Setting



*JD Buchert, M.Ed., MS, MSN(s), RN, CNOR, Workforce Safety Manager, Parkland Health*

This presentation aims to provide an experiential, door-to-door, roadmap of practice guidelines relevant to providing culturally sensitive care for the transgender population, with a particular focus in the perioperative setting. Approximately, 71 percent of transgender patients use the emergency

department as the primary source of health care with over half reporting negative experiences when receiving care. Studies on patient experience recognize health equity and respect as pivotal core values towards healthcare systems building a positive and trusting relationship with the diverse communities they serve. Healthcare organizations should strive to integrate best practices into their business and clinical models, including the use of appropriate terminologies, such as preferred names and pronouns, and the collection of racial, ethnic, language, sexual orientation, and gender identity data to track patient experiences across diversity dimensions.

### Going Beyond Opioids: Redefining Pain Management



*Melanie Perry, Perioperative Clinical Manager, First Case Media, LLC*

The opioid crisis has prompted a critical examination of surgical pain management strategies. This shift is evident through heightened advocacy and education efforts, leading to a notable shift in our approach to addressing surgical pain. This presentation emphasizes the pressing need for healthcare professionals to challenge conventional methods and embrace progressive solutions to pain management. By advocating for comprehensive patient education and interdisciplinary collaboration, we can navigate towards a future where opioid sparing becomes the standard of care, ensuring safer and more effective surgical outcomes.

## 1:30-2:30 PM AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

### Integrity Check: Challenge 'This Is How We've Always Done It'



*Sarah B. Cruz, CSPDT, CRCST, CIS, CHL, Quality Education Program Development Coordinator, The Bone & Joint Institute, Hartford Healthcare*

This is how we've always done it. If you haven't heard that phrase yet, don't worry you will. Whether you've been on the receiving end or the utterer of it, it's time to take an honest assessment of why this phrase lingers throughout professional history. Through integrity check, we look to understand the who, what, when, where, and why of 'this is how we have always done it'. This halting phrase is daunting to any professional. Let's work together to inspire innovation and challenge it for our own professional development and healthcare industry growth!

### 2:45-3:30 PM A STRAP of Prevention Goes a Long Way!



*Donna Ostrofsky, MSN, RN, CNOR, Surgical Services Educator, Griffin Hospital*

Patient safety within the OR is paramount and one component

of patient safety during surgery is the safety strap. It may be a small component, but its use in preventing patient harm is enormous.

### Navigating Incivility: Evidence-Based Approaches for Perioperative Professionals



*Sarah Griffin, Promoting Civility in the Perioperative Environment, BCH*

Good communication and positive interpersonal interactions are vital in the perioperative environment to ensure patient safety, quality of care, and a supportive workplace culture. However, incivility, lateral violence, and disruptive behaviors can undermine these objectives. This presentation explores evidence-based strategies to foster civility in the perioperative setting, drawing from recent research and interventions.

### 3:45-4:30 PM Entering the Restricted Zone — Experiences of Guiding Students into the Operating Room



*Jennifer Hehl, RN, PhD, CNOR, ONC, Fusae Ogino, MSN, RN, CNOR; Janice Hahn, MSN, RN, CNOR, CST, Associate Director of Education, Periop and Procedural Areas, UConn Health*

This evidence-based, educational and experiential discussion will highlight both how and why we place students (nursing-all levels and surgical technology) into OR rotations, capstones, and observation days. The OR Educator plays a key role in ensuring that students are prepared for their time in the OR and to make sure that OR personnel are prepared and supportive when hosting students of many differing skill levels. How we support our staff to be good hosts and preceptors are crucial to the overall goal of helping to have a well-educated and plentiful workforce ready to take care of the next generation of surgical patients.

### Safety in Surgery: Can AI Help Make the Right Way the Easy Way



*Nyleen Flores, CEO, CPCS, CPMSM, CPCO, Lake Oconee Orthopedics and Francis Iula, Executive, Chiefy*

Join us for a dynamic technology session designed specifically for perioperative professionals. This session will provide attendees with an overview of the current state of inpatient, surgical safety and team collaboration. Engage in an interactive group AI experiment aimed at enhancing collaboration and safety in the operating room. Additionally, explore innovative approaches to utilizing AI and software tools to improve daily workflows and surgical safety. Discover what AI can learn from your expertise and how it can be integrated effectively into healthcare practices.



**Group Rate:** \$214/night  
**Hotel Phone:** 203-772-6664  
**Reservations:** 800-THE-OMNI  
**Deadline:** September 24, 2024  
**Direct Booking Link:**  
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*(Group block may sellout prior to deadline)*



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**OMNI NEW HAVEN HOTEL AT YALE**  
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### STUDENT - \$30

- Must register with a university-issued email address.
- Includes full registration and admission to all events, education and exhibits for the duration of the conference.
- Includes access to on-demand online education for the event.

### REGISTRATION FEE - \$100

*after (8/31/24)*

### ONSITE REGISTRATION FEE - \$125

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