

**DELPHI PANEL ASSESSMENT PROFORMA**

Each of the topics areas should be reviewed and rated according to: A) level of **relevance**, and, B) level of **importance**. The scoring systems outlined below should be used:

1	2	3	4	5
Not at all relevant	Slightly relevant	Moderately relevant	Very relevant	Extremely relevant
Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important

Topic area	Level of relevance 1-5	Level of importance 1-5
<b>ACORN Standards: Staff and patient safety</b>		
1. Consider risk mitigation in the operating suite		
2. Identify strategies to change the culture of the operating suite and enhance the safety of the perioperative team		
3. Explore the safe use of patient handling equipment in the operating suite		
4. Evaluate the use of, and outcomes associated with the new ACORN practice audit tools		
5. Determine how to protect the perioperative team during the use of cytotoxic drugs intraoperatively		

Add any comments or suggested areas for further research in the 'staff and patient safety' section:

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Topic area	Level of relevance 1-5	Level of importance 1-5
<b>ACORN Standards: Professional practice</b>		
6. Identify barriers and enablers to ACORN guidelines/standards implementation in perioperative settings		
7. Investigate the use of patient/family-centred approaches in the perioperative context		
8. Investigate strategies to manage and provide safe patient care to surgical patients with cognitive impairment		
9. Examine compliance with medication safety standards and labelling of medications		
10. Explore the lived experience of new graduate nurses when implementing the ACORN Standards in practice		

Add any comments or suggested areas for further research in the 'professional practice' section:

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Topic area	Level of relevance 1-5	Level of importance 1-5
<b>ACORN Standards: Asepsis and clinical care</b>		
11. Examine the effectiveness of strategies to minimise or prevent perioperative-acquired pressure injuries		
12. Identify the most effective types of head attire for use in the perioperative setting		

Add any comments or suggested areas for further research in the 'asepsis and clinical care' section:

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Topic area	Level of relevance 1-5	Level of importance 1-5
<b>ACORN Standards: Equipment and environment</b>		
13. Identify the most effective method to minimise heat loss in patients before, during and after surgery (e.g. high room temperature, convection warming blanket, conduction warming blanket, warm fluids and fluid warmers)		
14. Explore noise reduction methods in operating rooms and patient care areas		
15. Examine the integration of instrument tracking with the Patient Information Management Standard (electronic)		

Add any comments or suggested areas for further research in the 'equipment and environment' section:

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Topic area	Level of relevance 1-5	Level of importance 1-5
<b>ACORN Standards: Management and staffing</b>		
16. Consider recognition and attitudes of perioperative nurses to bullying behaviours		
17. Examine the impact of different staffing models or models of care on patient experience, e.g., extended roles for enrolled nurses, technicians		
18. Explore non-technical skills, such as situational awareness, decision making, communication and teamwork in operating suites		
19. Explore the effects of disruptive behaviour on patient safety		
20. Examine the causes of obesity among perioperative nurses		

Add any comments or suggested areas for further research in the 'management and staffing' section:

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## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

(Non-identifiable information will be reported to describe the characteristics of the representative sample that replied to the survey)

Please tick ONE of the following that describes your area of registration.

- RN  EN  NP

What type of setting do you work in?

- Operating suite  Day surgery/procedure unit  
 Combination OS/DS  University  
 Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please state your perioperative nursing role

(e.g. Clinical Nurse, CNS, CNC, NUM, Manager, Educator, Quality Coordinator, Academic, other)

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Please tick ONE of following that best describes your main area of clinical practice.

- Instrument nurse  
 Circulating nurse  
 Instrument/Circulating nurse  
 Perioperative nurse surgeon's assistant  
 Anaesthetic nurse  
 Postanaesthetic recovery nurse  
 Anaesthetic/Postanaesthetic recovery nurse  
 Pre-admission/holding bay nurse  
 Multi-clinical role

What is your highest level of qualification?

- Hospital-based Certificate  
 Diploma  
 Bachelor Degree  
 Post-basic/Postgraduate Certificate  
 Postgraduate Diploma  
 Master's Degree  
 Doctoral Degree

How long have you practised as a perioperative nurse?

\_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

How long have you practised in your current clinical role?

\_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

On average, how many hours do you work per fortnight?

\_\_\_\_\_ hours

Where is your employment setting?

- Metropolitan  
 Regional  
 Rural

What is your employment sector?

- Public  
 Private  
 University  
 Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
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What professional membership/s do you have? Please tick all that apply.

- State/Territory perioperative group  
 Australian College of Nursing  
 Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your age?

\_\_\_\_\_ years

Gender

- Female  Male