

BACKGROUND

- AORN’s ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) Initiatives encourage perioperative professionals and organizations to prioritize practices that demonstrate a commitment to “health, safety, diversity, equality and inclusion in the community.”
- AORN champions community-based initiatives that empower nurses to enhance patient health literacy and compliance, ultimately improving patient surgical outcomes.

METHODS

- Health Promotion - Creating awareness of identified health needs and encouraging community participation in wellness activities.
- Health Education - Increasing knowledge and providing tools for self-management for health issues and chronic conditions.
- Preventative Health Screenings - Early detection through free or low-cost preventative health screening services.
- Referrals - For health service providers, as well as identified social needs.
- Collaboration - Aligning with health departments, social service providers, and others for a collective impact.

INITIATIVES



- Health Screenings
 - Blood Pressure, Pulse, Blood Sugar, Cholesterol, Stroke Risk, BMI
 - Memory
 - Vision
- Angioscreen
- Health Education Programs
 - Health Fairs
 - Joint Replacement Class
 - Bariatric Surgery Class
- Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs
- Community of Lifesavers (Hands Only CPR)
- Support Groups
- Your Health on the Move: HMH Community Wellness Van
- Partnerships - Local Schools, Health Departments, Businesses

PATIENT BENEFITS

- Improved access
- Improved health literacy
- Improved health outcomes
- Improved trust
- Improved knowledge
- Lowering health related expenses
- Empowerment

TEAM MEMBER BENEFITS

- Team member satisfier
- Applicable for Clinical Ladder
- Encourages relationships outside Perioperative Services
- Encourages cultural competence
- Serves as a bonding experience

DEPARTMENTAL BENEFITS

- Improved reputation/credibility
- Improved knowledge of your community needs
- Better able to share services
- Able to promote elective offerings
- Meets regulatory/accreditation
- Continuity of care across departments