



ASPAN

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

Collaborative Advocacy Strategic Work Team (SWT)

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Purpose: The Collaborative Advocacy Strategic Work Team (CASWT) promotes nursing impact through deliverable actions that focus on improving frontline care and healthy workplace environment. This will be achieved by collaborating with internal and external entities, promoting nursing advocacy, education, clinical Inquiry initiatives, and improving community outcomes.

Authority: Appointed by the Vice President/President-Elect with oversight from the President.

Scope: Identify nursing opportunities to advance the profession and safer patient care by acknowledging and including the nursing voice. Nursing organizations can harness the expertise and advocacy of nurses to promote safer patient care, empower the nursing profession and ultimately improve healthcare outcomes

1. Advocate for nurses and patient safety to empower and advance the unique specialty of perianesthesia nursing
 - a. Identify common problems in healthcare that lend themselves to be translated into policy issues
 - b. Collaborate with internal and external entities, organizations, or individuals in advocacy activities
2. Identify perianesthesia workplace issues, prioritize issues as related to ASPAN's Strategic Plan
3. Collaboratively work with Governmental Affairs SWT to strategize communications plans for members to disseminate notification for important healthcare legislation/policy matters of concern
4. Identify and educate on the differences between advocacy and lobbying

Decision Marking: Formal recommendations of findings are communicated to the President, and Directors for Clinical Inquiry and Education for dissemination to the ASPAN Board of Directors. Prepare semi-annual reports to the ASPAN Board of Directors that summarize the SWT's activities and accomplishments.

Outcomes: Increase knowledge and improve healthcare outcomes for the perianesthesia nurse regarding nursing advocacy practices promoting healthier workplace environments and safer patient care through initiatives.