

Tara Wright MSN, RN, CPN

Professional Summary

Experienced nursing professional with 30 years in practice, including 20+ in perianesthesia and perioperative services. Known for strong communication, organization, and teamwork. Committed to advancing perianesthesia nursing through ASPAN Nominating Committee service.

Core Skills

Unit leadership & staff development
Patient & family relations
Staff performance evaluation
Effective interdisciplinary communication
Evidence-based patient care delivery

Professional Experience

Akron Children's Hospital – Akron, OH

Clinical Coordinator & Staff Nurse

July 1998 – Present

Staff Nurse, Adolescent Floor (1998–1999)

Staff Nurse, Infant/Toddler Floor (1999–2002)

Staff Nurse, Operating Room (2002–2005)

Charge Nurse/Nurse Facilitator, Pre-Op (2005–2008)

Clinical Coordinator, Pre-Op (2008–2014)

Clinical Coordinator, Perioperative Surgical Home (2014–Present)

Akron General Medical Center – Akron, OH

PRN Staff Nurse, New Life Center

1996 – 2001

Aultman Hospital – Canton, OH

Staff Nurse, Pediatrics & Labor & Delivery

1995 – 1998

Education

Master of Science in Nursing, Leadership in Healthcare Systems – Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL (2021)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Kent State University, Kent, OH (1994)

Certifications & Licenses

Registered Nurse (OH & Multi-State), 1995–Present

Certified Pediatric Nurse, 2005–Present

BLS Certification (current, AHA)

Publications

Meyer AJ, Smith JR, **Wright TL**, et al. Pediatric influenza vaccination in the perioperative setting: A quality improvement project. Paediatric Anaesthesia. 2023.

Meyer AJ, Smith JR, **Wright TL**. Pediatric COVIDCOLDS Scoring Tool: Safe Surgical Outcome. Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing. 2023.

Professional Development

Lean Six Sigma (Blue Belt, 2012; A3 Training, 2011)

Leadership Challenge (2018)

ASPAN National Conference presenter (2016–2025)

Poster and oral presentations at national healthcare conferences (2016–2025)

Instructor roles, committee leadership, and quality improvement project leadership

Professional Memberships

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN), 2016, 2018, 2022–Present

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN), 2024

Northeast Ohio Organization for Nursing Leadership (NEOONL), 2025

Committee Service

Professional Development Council, Co-Chair (2006–2008; 2020–Present)

- Professional Development Council Chairman 2006 to 2008, Current co-chair
- Ambulatory Council, Chair (2024–Present)
- Magnet Committee, PI/Research Council, SPOC, PSP, Flu Committee, and others

Honors & Recognition

Cameos of Caring Nominee (2008, 2012)

Character Counts Award (2014)

P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E. Award (2025)

Community Involvement

President, Marlboro Women's Club (2024–Present)

Volunteer, Kids Club – Aldersgate Family Methodist / Grace Community Church (2023–2024)

Volunteer, Alliance Pregnancy Center (2023–2024)

References Available Upon Request