

2012 ASPAN National Conference Report Orlando, Florida

I had been attending the ASPAN National Conference almost every year. It has always been fulfilling for me as a person, as a nurse and as an educator. This year's conference was held in Orlando, Florida a very friendly and family-oriented city. This year's attendance had surpassed the other years' number of attendees maybe just for those reasons alone.

Sunday's Component Night was not only fun, but the camaraderie among the perianesthesia nurses from different states was obvious. Most of the people do not know everyone's name, but the friendship and the welcoming experience for the attendees were there.

Chris Price's Presidential Address was very moving and both David Glickman's "Healthcare Humor" and Jo Manion's "Strategies for Thriving in Turbulent Times" will be very useful in our everyday stressful work.

All of the sessions I had attended were very educational and innovative. It really does not matter whether the subject matter was the same as the previous year's, but each year there are new research findings and improvements that we learn and apply towards educating our colleagues and for the betterment of perianesthesia care.

Some of the nurses I talked to had said they can get a lot of the required nursing contact hours online for a cheaper price. One thing that I always tell them is that no amount of money can buy nor can they ever find online the networking and benchmarking among perianesthesia nurses from different hospitals in the US and other countries.

I thank ASPAN for the scholarship and the opportunity to learn new things, innovations in healthcare and evidence-based nursing practices so that I can be a better perianesthesia nurse and educator.

Sincerely,

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