

2021 All-Virtual ASPAN National Conference

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I am writing this letter to describe and thank you for the opportunity to receive scholarship to ASPAN Conference. I am presently the treasurer of LAPAN and enjoyed this virtual conference because I had the opportunity to listen to more lectures than if the conference was live.

My favorite lectures were: *Is Your Patient Ready for Discharge?*, *Improving PAT Clinically Through Performance Improvement*, and *OR to PACU Handover Time: Creating A Sustainable Model*.

I work in a small PACU, and we are in the process of changing our preadmit (PAT) department to include calling many of our patients that used to come in for a visit. We are going to follow-up on the outcome of the patients that we call to make sure they gain the best experience and have the best surgical outcome. The idea of calling the patients came into fruition with the COVID issues this past year, trying to minimize exposure of the preop patients to COVID.

The second goal of our department is to increase communication within the department. We developed a communication tool for handover from OR to PACU. This increased patient safety and decreased potential errors. We realized we needed this communication sheet because we chart on EPIC which is all computerized and we wanted a quick reference for the patient.

Although I enjoy the Conferences in person and missed this aspect of networking with other nurses within our component and other components, I enjoyed this virtual experience. It gave me time to write notes and listen at my pace. Sometimes in a large group, I tend to get distracted by outside factors.

Thank you again for the opportunity for this scholarship.