From the Boardroom...

LuAnn Buchholz, RN, CPSN
President-Elect 2008

If you weren’t at the Aesthetic Symposium in San Diego, you missed a great meeting and great ballroom dancing! Tracey and Barby executed a wonderful program focusing on the surgical and nonsurgical experience. Then Marena provided us with an evening of delightful dancing! I think we all felt like Ginger Rogers when it ended. Many thanks to Vera, Bill, Jessica, Vladimir, and Terrell for making us all feel special! The best part is we get to do it again in Chicago! From experience, wear an outfit that “twirls” and a great pair of shoes to cut the rug.

The final touches are being added to our Scientific Sessions Program in Chicago. This meeting truly offers something for all plastic surgery nurses, and whether you are a cosmetic, reconstructive, or operating room nurse, this is the place for you. Brochure highlights to follow soon.

Over the next few newsletters, we will share things to do in Chicago. The best city for great food, theater, music, and maybe a gust of wind or two. And who hasn’t heard of the Magnificent Mile?

Trivia question: What gangster was gunned down outside the Biograph Theater? The answer in the next “From the Boardroom.”

Member Profile – Melinda Cornelius

ASPSN member Lt. Colonel Melinda Cornelius has been a Clinical Nurse Specialist (MSN ’87) with Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center for 14 years. She was involved with emergency and trauma nursing for many years prior to her work in plastic surgery.

Additionally, she’s been a flight nurse with the 118th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron in Nashville, Tennessee, for 18 years, and now serves in the Air Force as a flight nurse instructor and examiner. The 118 AES is a worldwide deploying force that supports missions overseas, including Iraq and Afghanistan, and missions at home, such as Hurricane Katrina disaster relief. They provide “care in the air,” primarily in C-130s, KC-135s, and C17s.

As a level 1 trauma center, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Vanderbilt does a lot of reconstructive surgery, and it’s this experience with the patient population that has been invaluable to Melinda’s military career. “Air Force flight nursing has been a unique way of combining my desire to give back, and my loves of flying and nursing,” Melinda says.
A new report from the CDC updates previous estimates of healthcare-associated infections. In American hospitals alone, healthcare-associated infections account for an estimated 1.7 million infections and 99,000 associated deaths each year.

- 32% of all healthcare-associated infection are urinary tract infections
- 22% are surgical site infections
- 15% are pneumonia (lung infections)
- 14% are bloodstream infections

http://www.cdc.gov
Accessed May 3, 2008

For discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2008, Acute Inpatient Prospective Payment System Hospitals will not receive additional payment for cases when one of the selected conditions is acquired during hospitalization (i.e., was not present on admission). The case would be paid as though the secondary diagnosis were not present. These selected conditions will have payment implications beginning October 1, 2008:

- Serious Preventable Events
- Object left in during surgery
- Air embolism
- Blood incompatibility
- Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection
- Pressure ulcers
- Vascular Catheter Associated Infection
- Surgical Site Infection
- Mediastinitis after Coronary Artery Bypass Graft

At this time, the following hospitals are exempt from Hospital Acquired Condition payment provision: Critical Access Hospitals, Long Term Care Hospitals, Maryland Waiver Hospitals, Cancer Hospitals, Children's Inpatient Facilities, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, and Psychiatric Hospitals.

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HospitalAcqCond/
Accessed May 4, 2008

On April 24th the Senate passed the genetic discrimination act, and on May 1st this act was also passed by the House. It is expected that President Bush will sign this into law. This legislation will prohibit discrimination by employers and insurers.

Accessed May 4, 2008

WebMD’s Breast Cancer Health Center’s “Breast Cancer and Implants: Surgery Options” by Charlene Laino of WebMD Medical News discusses treatment options for women who develop breast cancer such as breast-conserving treatment instead of the traditional mastectomy. Breast-conserving treatment is typically followed by radiation to kill any lingering tumor cells. Barbara Pockaj, MD, a breast surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, states that “as women with breast augmentation age, their rate of breast cancer can be expected to rise as it does for all women. But relatively little research has focused on how implants affect breast cancer treatment.” Pockaj presented the findings at the American Society of Breast Surgeons Ninth Annual Meeting.

The researchers examined the management of breast cancer, and the recommendation that a woman get a mastectomy was based primarily on whether she had a large tumor or several tumors throughout the breast, the same criteria used for women without implants. The findings show that implants do not affect recurrence rates, nor do they affect the accuracy of sentinel node biopsy. There was an increased rate of capsular contraction in women with implants who had breast-conserving treatment. Pockaj says that taken together, the findings show that “breast-conserving treatment is a viable option for women with implants. Women are often told they have to have a mastectomy, but this study shows they don’t.”
2008 Scientific Sessions Update

Georgia Elmassian, BAS, RN, CPSN
Scientific Sessions Co-Chair

Spring has finally sprung and new growth is all about! In keeping with the theme of new growth, the 2008 Scientific Sessions Planning Committee would like to invite each ASPSN member to consider a new thought: authoring a poster for our National Convention’s Poster Grand Rounds this fall at the Chicago meeting.

Perhaps you had a patient with a clinical dilemma that required you to think outside the box and problem solve? Possibly you had an experience where you had to use an innovative technique, or maybe you had to come up with a solution to a particular challenge? Now that you have completed your study, don’t you want to share your findings with your colleagues?

One of the most effective sharing mechanisms is a poster presentation at a professional meeting, such as the ASPSN National Convention. Here, your findings can be disseminated through the presentation of research posters. Poster presentations are different than scholarly papers. An effective poster is a visual communication of exploratory findings. Your poster needs to be visually appealing, informative, and well organized. A poster is not a research paper. The poster should show your research through graphs and images. You can provide additional details as needed during the poster presentation at the convention. Each poster submission will be individually judged by a diverse panel of certified plastic surgical nurses for first, second, and third place awards.

On the day of your poster presentation, relax! Bring your business cards and copies of your abstract to pass out to the convention attendees. Anticipate questions and be willing to exchange in topic conversation. Many people will appreciate a “walkthrough” of your findings. You may get helpful suggestions – and this is part of the process: use them as a chance to grow as a researcher and celebrate the dissemination of your findings.

Please contact Anita Cormier at anita.cormier@dancyamc.com or Leslie Long at leslie.long@dancyamc.com from ASPSN Convention Services for poster submission information.

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Summer is just around the corner. I am moving the snow removal equipment to the back of the garage, bringing out the rakes and gardening tools, filling the pond, and dreaming of a long, sunny summer. There are three more meetings this summer and fall during which those of you who would like to take the certification exam have the opportunity to do so, as well as an offering for the exam given at several locations by C-Net.

Remember, you need to apply at least eight weeks prior to the exam. Here are the dates and locations of the meetings:

- August 1 – 3, at the Tennessee/Alabama Chapter meeting in Nashville, TN – the exam is on the 1st.
- September 12 – 13, in Montreal, Quebec – the exam is on the 13th.
- October 11 – the exam will be at several sites, offered by C-Net. To check for locations, go to http://www.cnetnurse.com.
- October 30 – November 4, at the Annual Convention in Chicago – the review course is on the 30th and the exam is on the 31st.

The board has focused mostly on recertification in our previous articles; I would like to address certification in this article.

Why is certification so important? What is it all about? Here are some thoughts on the matter. I have taken the liberty to use Joanne Gladfelter’s input from an article which she published in the October - December 2006 PSN:

**Why is certification important?** The value of certification is that it promotes continuing excellence in professional care.

**Is certification right for you?** Certification is an elective and voluntary process; it is a clear indicator of commitment to not only one’s specialty but also one’s personal and professional growth and dedication. Those who seek specialty certification demonstrate a passion for the specialty and validation of professional credibility.

**What are the benefits of certification?** Certified plastic surgery nurses are considered to be leaders in their specialty. They hold themselves to a higher standard of patient care, responsibility, and professionalism. Certification validates recognition from your peers, increases career opportunities and promotion, and contributes to greater income potential.

To recap, here are some of the reasons to become a CPSN:

- Certification shows your commitment to the specialty of plastic surgical nursing.
- Certification boosts self-esteem.
- Certification promotes professionalism.
- Certification establishes competency in specialty skills and comprehension.
- Certification demonstrates achievement and leadership.
- Certification validates credentials.
- Certification provides recognition from your peers.
- Certification increases career opportunities and promotion.
- Certification can contribute to greater income potential.

I could not agree more with Joanne, and I thank her for allowing me to use her work. I took the certification exam the first year it was offered in 1989. I am proud of my credentials. I, too, am proud to say I am a CPSN. I challenge all of you to take the next step, start studying and take the exam. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if every member of ASPSN were a CPSN? If you have any questions regarding certification or recertification, there is information at the ASPSN website, or call the ASPSN National Office: (800) 272-0136.

**References**


**Editor’s Note**

Susan Lamp, BSN, RN, CPSN

On a recent broadcast on National Public Radio, Dr. Michael Alexander Salzhauer, a plastic surgeon from Florida, was interviewed. He has written a children’s book titled *My Beautiful Mommy*, a 21-page illustrated story of a mom who gets a tummy tuck and a nose job. Dr. Salzhauer, who had a rhinoplasty when one of his daughters was just four years old, felt there was a need for such a book in his own practice. He wants to help children understand why their mothers are covered in bandages and unable to move much after their procedures. Many patients bring their children to post-operative visits, and the book may help children understand the changes that they may be witnessing. Salzhauer emphasizes that his book is meant specifically for patients who have already decided they are going to have a tummy tuck or rhinoplasty. This interview approaches a subject that some may have issue with. You may want to look at the book and consider whether this has a place in your work setting.

In April we introduced a new feature, the Member Profile, as a way to get to know some of our members. I am very pleased to introduce our very first member spotlight, Melinda Cornelius, a Clinical Nurse Specialist with Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. After reading about Melinda, consider submitting a profile of your own.

As always, your thoughts, suggestions or complaints are welcome. Please contact me by email at susan.lamp@osumc.edu.
Millions of women throughout the country are discovering the first-ever consumer advertising campaign for breast implants, featuring The Natrelle™ Collection of Breast Implants from Allergan. Appearing in many popular women’s magazines nationwide, this direct-to-consumer initiative is designed to responsibly educate and inform women who are considering implantation about the variety of options available to suit their individual needs.

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ASPSN Public Profile Prize Drawing

In March, ASPSN announced that it would be conducting three drawings for great prizes as a means of encouraging ASPSN members to update their public profiles on the ASPSN website. Members who had updated public profiles on the ASPSN website were eligible. The 2nd drawing has been conducted, and the winners are as follows:

Amanda Millsaps, Knoxville, TN  •  Connie Brennan, Edina, MN
Andrea Stapleton, Turnball, CT  •  Gloria Castellucci, Staten Island, NY

The winners each will receive a complete set of NIA24 skin care products ($375.00 value) and a copy of "Silicone Breast Implants: Outcomes and Safety" supplement by Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery donated by Mentor Corporation. If you’re one of the above lucky winners, we will be contacting you separately.

The third and last drawing will be held June 13. Those who have updated public profiles on the ASPSN website will be entered into the drawing.

The information in your Public Profile is what other ASPSN members will see when they search the member directory, which is found under the Members Only section.

Update Your Public Profile
1) Log onto the website
2) Select “My Profile”
3) Select “Edit”
4) Select “Update your profile”
5) Select “Public Profile”
6) Make your changes
7) Select “Update” at the bottom of the page

Kid’s Corner - Pediatric Treadmill Injuries

Patricia Schultz, CRNP, CPSN

It is estimated that there are approximately 8,700 pediatric injuries from home exercise equipment in the United States annually. Most published reports focus on injuries from stationary bicycles. Treadmills have become increasingly popular for home use. Subsequently, there has been an increase in the number of pediatric treadmill injuries that have presented at hand clinics.

Most injuries tend to occur while the caretaker is using the machine. The injuries seem to be associated with the rear end of the treadmill and at the place where the belt wraps around the back roller. Little children are attracted to the moving belt. They touch the belt, causing the injury. Children may also stand on the treadmill and may fall off and sustain an injury. The actual injury itself may be a superficial laceration but is usually an abrasion or friction burn. The concern centers on the depth of the abrasion and those abrasions occurring across the joints of the fingers. Fractures must also be ruled out.

Treatment consists of the use of an antibiotic cream (such as Silvadene) and dressing changes one to two times per day. Splinting frequently is necessary. Follow-up to reassess the wound usually takes place in five to seven days. For deeper wounds or those that are difficult to heal, a skin graft may be necessary. However, most respond well and heal with dressing changes. For those injuries that extend across the joints, periodic follow-up is necessary to watch for the development of scar contractures.

Reports of treadmill injuries have led to the changes in the manufacturing of the back belt of the treadmills. Most now have a protective cover to keep “little” hands away from the belt. However, parents should be aware of the potential for injury to their young children and practice appropriate safety measures in their homes.

Additional Reading

Philadelphia/Delaware Chapter

Sheri Levin

I am happy to report that the Philadelphia/Delaware Chapter of ASPSN is up and running again! Our last was May 1st. We held elections, and the new board is as follows:

Chair: Sheri Levin
Co-chair: Kathy Dunleavy
Treasurer: Marcy Dienno
Secretary: Nancy Folsom
Sponsorship: Nancy Folsom

Our next meeting will be held on June 3rd at 5:30 p.m. The location is to be determined but will be somewhere close to the University of Pennsylvania. We will be planning educational meetings for contact hours and trauma contact hours, and we will be planning dinner. We will be contacting all the national members who live in the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley area about supporting their local chapter.

If you have any interest in helping plan or organize activities or fundraising events, please contact Sheri Levin at sheriblevin@comcast.net.

ASPSN Discussion Forum

Members can now talk to each other on the ASPSN website in the new discussion forum for advanced practice, clinical practice, and legislative issues. The ASPSN forum is a great place to gain insight on the workings of other practices, share research with other members, and discuss issues and topics central to plastic surgical nursing and ASPSN.

Start Posting on the ASPSN Discussion Forum Today

1. In the left column of the ASPSN website (www.aspsn.org), log in with your username and password.
2. In the Members Only section of the left column, click on Forum.
3. Choose a category.
4. You can join any ongoing conversations by replying, or if you’d like to start a new discussion, click New Topic.

If you have any difficulty accessing the member section of the website, call the ASPSN National Office at (850) 473-2443 or toll free at (800) 272-0136.

Tennessee/Alabama Annual Meeting

LuAnn Buchholz, RN, CPSN

The Music City Gala will be held in Nashville, TN, August 1-3, 2008. This is a three-day event filled with educational events for everyone. A total of 14 contact hours are available for attendees of the gala. There are two workshop choices on Friday afternoon, Fraxel Lasers and Healing Touch. The CPSN exam will also be given that same afternoon. Here’s just a sampling of our General Sessions topics: Styles of Leadership, Maxillofacial Trauma, Forehead Lift, Addictions in Nursing, and Breast and Facial Aesthetics. There will be exhibitors on Saturday with information to interest everyone. The gala will conclude on Sunday at noon. Be ready for music, food, and dancing, Southern style, in downtown Nashville on Saturday night!

Our host hotel is the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt where rooms are available now online. To secure the special negotiated rate of $149, guests should visit http://www.marriott.com/bnaav and enter the group code ASPASPA. A credit card will be needed to hold the reservation. The cut-off date for accommodations is July 1, 2008. After June 5, look for the Music City Gala brochure online at http://www.aspsn.org. For further questions or information, contact LuAnn Buchholz at luannrncpsn@comcast.net or Marcia Spear at marcia.spear@vanderbilt.edu.

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If you would like information on starting a local ASPSN chapter, please contact Richelle Torres, Chapter Services Specialist at richelle.torres@dancyamc.com

We had an awesome time at our dance in San Diego! Thank you ASPSN for allowing Marena Rewards to host this event!

See you in Chicago!
Plastic Surgical News

Safety of Polyalkylimide Dermal Fillers Questioned
According to a study published in the May Archives of Dermatology, polyalkylimide implants (PAI) may result in delayed, recurring chronic inflammatory and granulomatous reactions when used as dermal fillers. Although manufacturers of PAI say that these structures do not change after injection, new research suggest that with these signs of bioincompatibility, PAI gels may pose a health risk.

A New Botox Rival up for Approval by FDA
The FDA will be evaluating Reloxin, a Botox competitor, for cosmetic use. Allergan’s Botox occupies the market for botulinum toxin-based anti-wrinkle treatments. If certified by the FDA, Reloxin would become the sole competitor in the US of Allergan’s Botox anti-wrinkle treatment.

Unlicensed Cosmetic Soft-Tissue Filler Injections Lead to Renal Failure
Renal failure was reported in the cases of three women who received soft-tissue filler injections from an unlicensed practitioner in North Carolina. The unlicensed and untrained practitioner was charged with practicing medicine without a license. Information regarding the specific techniques and materials was not clear from facility records or from the testimony of patients and the unlicensed practitioner. There are a multitude of risks associated with soft-tissue filler injections administered by unlicensed practitioners without appropriate medical training.

References

Certification Exam Grant
In its continued effort to work collaboratively with physicians and nurses to afford opportunities to promote and acquire knowledge, Allergan Academy will again sponsor certification grants for the 2008 CPSN examination.

To qualify for an exam certification grant, one must be a registered nurse, a member of ASPSN, meet the specific criteria for certification, and complete and submit an application form prior to August 21, 2008.

Certification exam grants will cover the cost of taking the certification examination and will be presented to recipients at the ASPSN National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, at the awards ceremony. The certification grant must be used during the year following presentation. If a recipient has taken the certification examination at the 2008 ASPSN National Convention prior to the Awards Ceremony, a reimbursement check will be presented.

PSNCB thanks Allergan Academy for once again sponsoring nursing education endeavors.

Please see the following page for the certification exam grant application.

Call for Volunteers
ASPSN is looking for members who are interested in serving on the ASPSN Chapters/Membership Committee. The charges for the Chapters/Membership Committee are as follows:

• Identify and confirm a chair.
• Present a proposal to the board on a membership recruitment plan and materials.
• Consider whether ASPSN should have a retired membership category and make a recommendation about the membership fee for such a category.
• Work with ASPSN’s International Director to increase international membership.
• Update the chapter list and work with staff to keep the list up to date.

If you are interested in serving on the Chapters/Membership Committee and helping to complete these charges, please contact Patricia Barlow at the ASPSN National Office: (800) 272-0136 or patricia.barlow@dancyamc.com.
Application for Certification Exam Grant  
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Name: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________ Date Joined ASPSN: ________________
E-mail: __________________________________________
Employer: __________________________________________
Employer Address: __________________________________________

Requirements: Submission deadline is August 21, 2008
☐ ASPSN member in good standing
☐ Meet PSNCB requirements for certification
☐ Certification examination must be taken within one year of issued grant

1. Please discuss in 100 words or less your reason for applying for this grant to take the plastic surgical nursing certification exam. (Attach additional pages if needed.)
2. List any current or past involvement with ASPSN. (Attach additional pages if needed.)

I, the undersigned, am an active member of ASPSN, currently working in plastic surgery, and meet application requirements for the CPSN examination.

Signed, __________________________________________

Please send completed applications to

PSNCB National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514
American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses (ASPSN)

Special Nursing Awards

The American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses (ASPSN) is looking for nurses who exemplify commitment, compassion, innovation, and dedication to their chosen field of plastic surgical nursing.

As healthcare professionals, plastic surgical nurses have the privilege of working with many noteworthy colleagues, colleagues who not only exemplify the true meaning of professionalism but also go the extra mile time and time again. Has someone in your area of practice offered a significant contribution to the care of patients? Has he or she thought of an innovative solution to a problem that has plagued your practice setting? Did the compassion or commitment given to a particular patient really make a difference in that patient’s care experience? If you know someone who fits one of these descriptions or if you know a nurse who exemplifies professionalism, ASPSN wants to know.

This year ASPSN is offering two special nursing awards honoring nurses who have earned the respect and admiration of their peers as exemplified by the nominations process. Recipients will receive an engraved plaque. All nominees will receive a certificate and a letter acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

To nominate someone for an award, please complete the form below and submit with at least two letters of recommendation. Please note that nominees must be members of ASPSN. Nominations should include this completed form as well as the letters of recommendation. Packets that do not include all materials will not be reviewed.

**Nominee Information**

Name ____________________________________ Current Position ___________________

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**Nominator’s Information**

Name ____________________________________ Current Position ___________________

Work Address ______________________________________________________________

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Calendar of Events

The New England Chapter presents Tying the Knot: Knowledge and Care of the Surgical Incision, June 14, 2008, Boston, MA. For information, see the following brochure: https://www.aspsn.org/dmdocuments/ASPSNNewEnglandChapterEvent.pdf.

ASPS and ASAPS present Cosmetic Medicine: From Business Strategy to Clinical Mastery: Innovative and practical approaches for the plastic surgery team, June 27-28, 2008, at The Beverly Hilton, Beverly Hills, California. This new, two-day program including breakout sessions, panel discussions, and technical demonstrations is for plastic surgeons and plastic surgery office staff involved in cosmetic medicine services or medical spa operation, including nurses, skin care specialists, aestheticians, and business/office managers. Further information and registration details can be found under Upcoming Events at www.plasticsurgery.org. Questions and inquiries can be sent to registration@plasticsurgery.org or by calling (800) 766-4955.

The 11th Annual ASPSN TN/AL Chapter meeting has a new agenda. The weekend program will be held in Nashville, TN, August 1-3, 2008, at the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt. The event will consist of workshops Friday afternoon and general sessions Saturday and Sunday. The CPSN exam will also be offered on Friday afternoon. All contact hours will be applied to certification. Registration and program details will follow in the newsletter and on the ASPSN website. Contact LuAnn Buchholz at luannrncpsn@comcast.net for additional information.

Mark your calendars!

American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses 2008 Annual Convention
October 31 – November 5, 2008
Chicago, IL

Plastic Surgical Nursing: A Time for Challenges and Changes

The Westin Michigan Avenue, Chicago

The Westin Michigan Avenue, Chicago, is holding rooms for ASPSN at a rate of $269 single or $289 double (plus applicable taxes) until September 28, 2008, or until the room block is filled. For reservations call (888) 627-8385 or (866) 716-8104.

If you have any questions, please call the ASPSN National Office toll free at (800) 272-0136 or (850) 473-2443.

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