

# 2026 TCORN Symposium: Striving for Excellence in Perioperative Practice

## Event Agenda

Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 8:00am CT - 5:00pm CT

**i** All times listed in Central Time (US & Canada).

### Saturday, January 17, 2026

9:30am - 10:30am

#### **Closing the Gaps in ERAS: A Surgical Team Approach to Compliance, Normothermia, and Complication Reduction**

Natasha Whitaker MSN, RN, CNOR

ERAS offers evidence-based solutions to address/prevents postoperative complications.

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11:00am - 12:00pm

#### **Incivility vs. Bullying: Navigating the Fine Line Between Conflict and Respect**

Karen Y. Edwards, MBA, BSN, RN, CSSM, CNOR

Strategies to create a safe, respectful work environment+++++

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1:00pm - 2:00pm

#### **From Isolation to Inspiration: The Impact of Schwartz Rounds on Our Perioperative Leadership Team**

Jessica Hovland, DNP, RN, CPAN, NE-BC, PMGT-BC Julie Kraus, BA

Schwartz Rounds support the well-being of staff by providing a safe and confidential space for professionals to reflect on the emotional and social challenges of their work and to discuss the human side of patient care.

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2:00pm - 3:00pm

#### **Reigniting the Pathway of Perioperative Nursing Education: A Panel Discussion**

Rebecca Vortman, DNP, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC ~ Daphny, Peneza, DNP, RN, CSSM, CNOR, FAORN ~ Danielle Quintana, PhD, MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR-E ~ Deborah Ebert, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR, CPAN, CAPA

Evidence-based support for the perioperative workspace as a legitimate option for clinical experience that meet the key-elements of competency-based education for nurses.

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3:30pm - 4:30pm

#### **Legislative Panel**

Processes for educating and influencing legislators on issues related to nursing and patient care in Texas.