



Patricia A. Brook, RN, CNOR, CLNC

CERTIFIED OPERATING ROOM NURSE,
LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT, AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

Patricia is a registered nurse, certified in Operating Room Nursing, Legal Nurse Consulting, and Faith Community Nursing, who is retired from practice. During her active years on the job, she served patients at Med Central Hospital, now known as OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, where she retired from its OR after 47 years. She spent the last years at Med Central OR as an evening charge nurse. Her favorite surgical area was neuro, especially craniotomies.

OR nursing is a very unique specialty. Either you love it or hate it. It requires confidence, integrity, advocacy, a sense of humor, compassion, assertiveness, and special skills. Teamwork is the only way to provide good care and outcomes for a patient. The amount of knowledge required is unending. Patricia feels that long hours on-call to save a life is exhausting, but so satisfying when completed, that you could do it all over again for the next emergency coming down the hall. The most important person in the room is the patient, followed by the anesthesiologist, the surgeon, the scrub nurse, and the circulating room nurse this is the team that brings it all together. As a charge nurse, she coordinated staffing incidents, anesthesia, the OR scheduling, Pre-op, Post-op, Lab, phone calls, legal questions, offices, code blue, hazmat, fire codes, cleaning, stocking, sterile supply, life flight, infection control, open heart, organ donation, x-ray, security, and much more. Patricia recommends every OR has an on-site police dog to keep the peace and a full time chaplain to listen, reassure, and give hope and prayers for patients, families and, all staff.

She coached a "Healthy U" class and was a volunteer Ombudsman for the local Area Agency on Aging. She was an advocate for surgical patients who could not speak for themselves while under anesthesia and for all patients in nursing homes. She learned to use her assertiveness from working with surgeons and became aggressive on moral and criminal issues while on the Mansfield City Council, where she served after being elected. Patricia is also the founder and president of the Mohican Chapter of AORN.

Back in 1963, Patricia earned her nursing degree from Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing before embarking on her professional journey. She attended the University of Cincinnati. While attending the University of Cincinnati, she worked an additional three years at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio in their OR, from 1969 to 1971.

With a love for helping people, she attributes her 50-year successful career to her hard work. For her outstanding contribution to the field of nursing. Presently she volunteers in the Pastoral Care office at Ohio Health Mansfield and is writing a memoir about her time in the OR.

EDUCATION:

-Nursing Degree: Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing

CERTIFICATION:

-Operating Room Nursing
-Legal Nurse Consulting
-Faith Community Nursing

TOP REGISTERED NURSE
in Ohio