

# OR NurseLink™

Connecting the periOperative Community

[www.ORNurseLink.org](http://www.ORNurseLink.org)

User Guide

# AORN Launches New Online Community

## Welcome to ORNurseLink.org

We are pleased to announce the launch of OR Nurse Link, the new social network for AORN members, available now. Brighter, faster, and easier to use, OR Nurse Link has an array of new features made possible by the latest social media technologies to help you more quickly participate in discussions, read AORN news, search for information, connect with colleagues, and share documents and files.

- Create and join groups based on your interests
- Participate in your Specialty Assembly and Chapter discussions
- Read posts and learn from your colleagues

### Transitioning to ORNurseLink.org

OR Nurse Link replaces AORN's current Communities of Practice and MemberTalk listserv, bringing various aspects of each into a cleanly-designed and more user-friendly interface. Current users of the old platforms will need to transition to [www.ornurselink.org](http://www.ornurselink.org). The Communities of Practice and MemberTalk will be shut down by January 31, 2010.

## Quick Start Guide

**Direct Web Access:** Type [www.ornurselink.org](http://www.ornurselink.org) in to your Web browser.








**Sign-in to Get Started:** The Sign-in link is located at the top of every page. Enter your email address on file with AORN and your AORN membership ID number (found on your membership card) into the password field, unless you changed or selected your own password. Current AORN members do not need to create a new account to access OR Nurse Link. *If you need to update or add your email to your membership profile, please call AORN customer service at 800-755-2676, Ext. 1.*

The screenshot shows the ORNurseLink.org website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays <http://www.ornurselink.org>. The page features the ORNurseLink logo with the tagline "Connecting the periOperative Community". A navigation bar includes links for Home, MemberTalk, Groups, Resource Center, and Blogs, along with the AORN logo. A "Community Search" box is located on the right. The main content area is titled "Community Login" and includes instructions for AORN Members to use their email address and password. The "Email" field contains the text "gmakelarker@aorn.org" and the "Password" field is masked with dots. Below the login fields are links for "Forgot Password" and "Register". There are also sections for "Non-Members" and "Become an AORN Member". On the right side, there are two promotional boxes: "Become a PEP Facility" and "Periop 101: A Core Curriculum". The "Sign in" link in the top navigation bar and the "Email" field in the login form are circled in pink.

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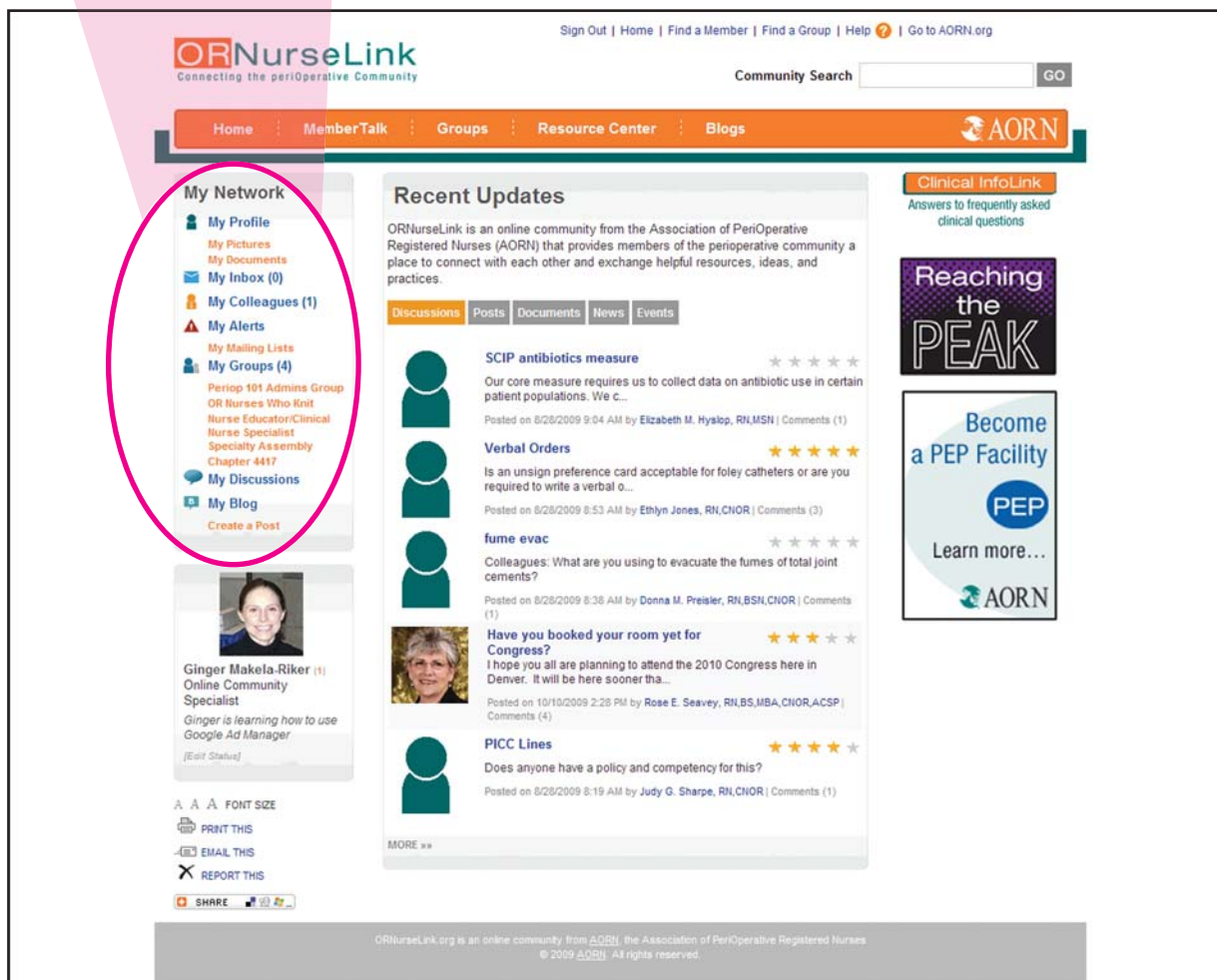
### My Network

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## My Network

The My Network section is a personalized dashboard that gives you immediate access to your profile information, ongoing discussions, circle of colleagues, and groups, including Specialty Assemblies, Chapters, AORN Committees, and Common Interest Groups. Here's what you can do...

1. **My Profile:** Click on My Profile, click on Edit my Profile to update your profile information and upload your picture. Upload documents and pictures to your personal library and picture gallery.
2. **My Inbox:** Your inbox contains messages from members of the community. When you receive a new message, you are notified through an alert to your personal email so you'll know when to check your inbox.
3. **My Colleagues:** Add colleagues to your profile and build your network.
4. **My Alerts:** View and manage the discussions or group mailing lists you've subscribed to.
5. **My Groups:** My Groups contains a quick link to your Chapter group, Specialty Assemblies, Committee groups, and other interest groups you choose to join. Only groups you belong to will show up here.
6. **My Discussions:** View a summary of all the discussions you've participated in, or those you've started.
7. **My Blog:** Quick link to build your own blog and create a new post.



The screenshot shows the ORNurseLink website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Sign Out, Home, Find a Member, Find a Group, Help, and Go to AORN.org. Below this is a search bar and a secondary navigation bar with Home, MemberTalk, Groups, Resource Center, and Blogs. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- My Network:** A sidebar on the left containing links to My Profile, My Pictures, My Documents, My Inbox (0), My Colleagues (1), My Alerts, My Mailing Lists, My Groups (4), My Discussions, and My Blog. A 'Create a Post' link is at the bottom.
- Recent Updates:** A central section titled 'Recent Updates' with a sub-header 'ORNurseLink is an online community from the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) that provides members of the perioperative community a place to connect with each other and exchange helpful resources, ideas, and practices.' Below this are tabs for Discussions, Posts, Documents, News, and Events. Several posts are listed, each with a profile picture, title, star rating, and a brief description.
- Clinical InfoLink:** A box on the right with the text 'Answers to frequently asked clinical questions'.
- Reaching the PEAK:** A graphic with the text 'Reaching the PEAK'.
- Become a PEP Facility:** A box with the text 'Become a PEP Facility' and 'Learn more...'.

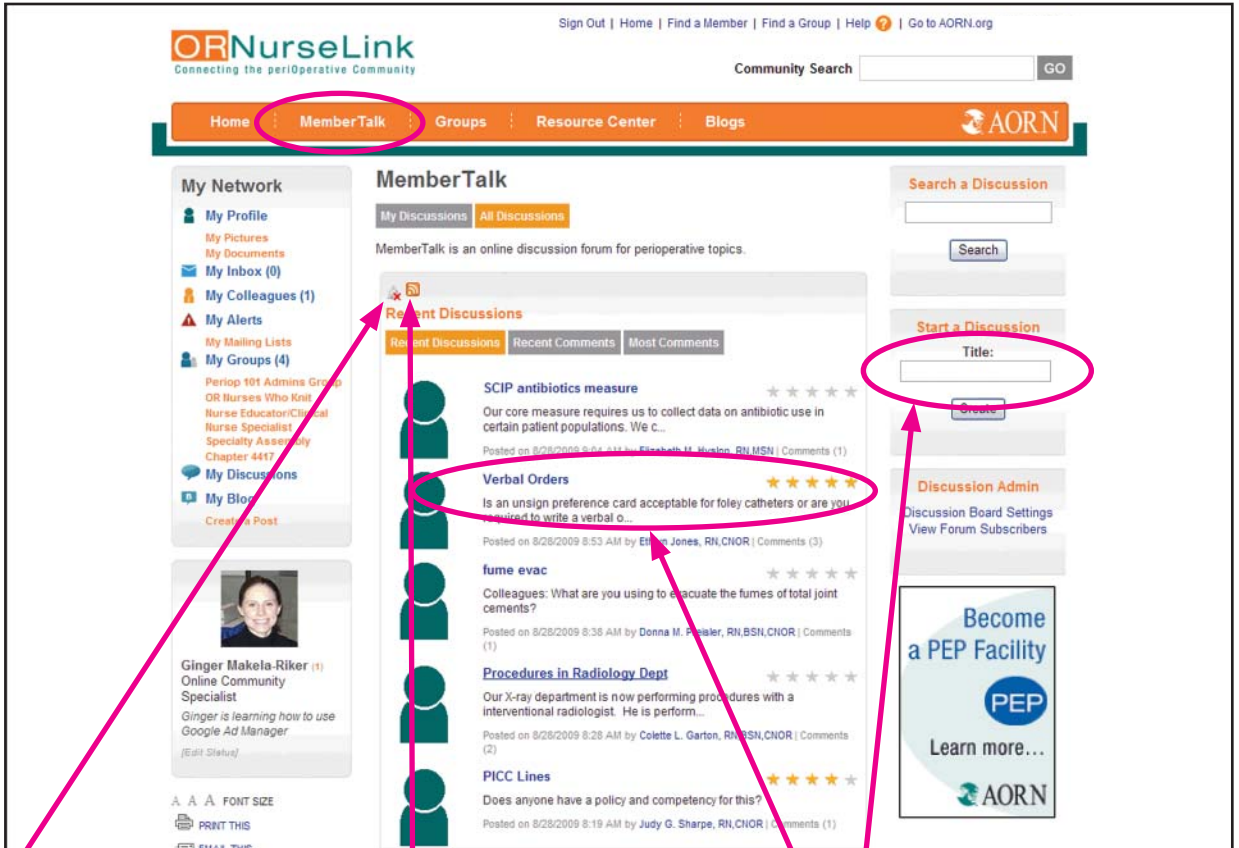
At the bottom of the page, there's a footer with the text: 'ORNurseLink.org is an online community from AORN, the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses © 2009 AORN. All rights reserved.'

## Recent Updates

Recent Updates is a dynamic welcome page that rolls up all the most recent activity on OR Nurse Link, including new MemberTalk discussions, blog posts, documents, events, and AORN news.

## MemberTalk

Similar to the previous MemberTalk listserv, the new MemberTalk is a community-wide discussion forum for general perioperative topics. You can participate either via the web interface or your email.



### Alerts

Click on the Alert icon to have new postings alerted to you via your personal email. Eliminates having to check back for updates – you'll immediately know when someone has posted to the discussion.

### RSS

Export discussions to your RSS reader – a convenient way to extract only what's of interest to you. New to RSS feeds? The Help section has a great overview and link to an informational video on RSS.

• Start a discussion here

• Click on a post to add a comment and rate the discussion using the star scale

## Groups

Groups allow for targeted discussions, event calendars, document sharing, and group messaging. Each Specialty Assembly, Chapter, and AORN Committee will have its own group pre-established. You can also start your own common interest groups, either clinical (e.g. Procedure Trends for ASCs) or personal (e.g. OR Nurses Who Knit).

The screenshot displays the OR NurseLink interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'MemberTalk', 'Groups', 'Resource Center', and 'Blogs'. The 'Groups' tab is highlighted. Below this, the 'My Groups' section is visible, featuring a 'Groups Directory' link circled in pink. A pink arrow points from this link to the 'Chapter 4417 Overview' page, which is also circled in pink. On the right side, there's a 'Find a Group' section and a 'Create a Group' link circled in pink. A pink arrow points from this link to a text box that reads: 'Create your very own group here on any topic. Groups can be open or closed.'

Browse the Groups Directory and join those of interest to you. Plus - coming soon - select groups from industry partners to connect to and get answers from suppliers of OR products and services.

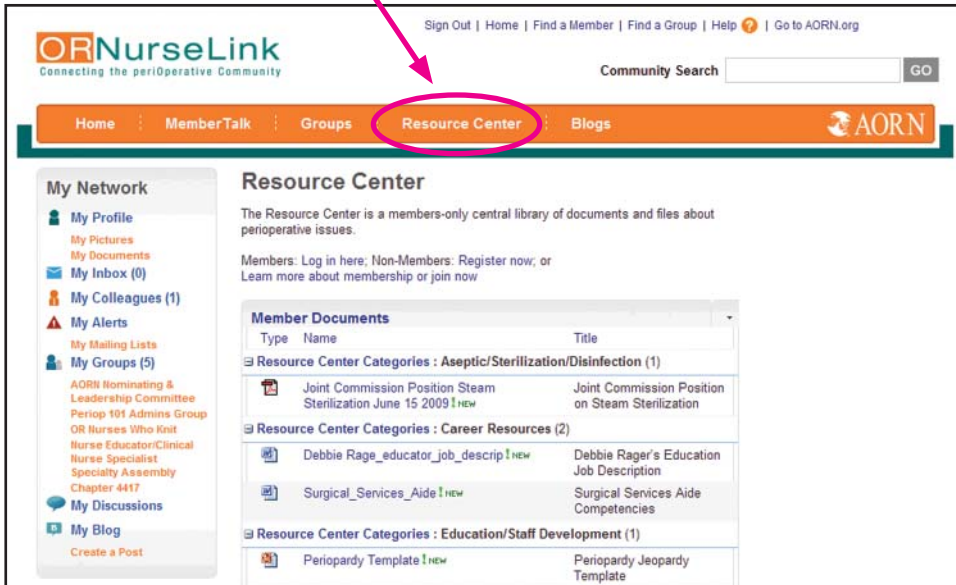
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Stay in touch with chapter members, plan future events, share meeting presentations.

## Resource Center

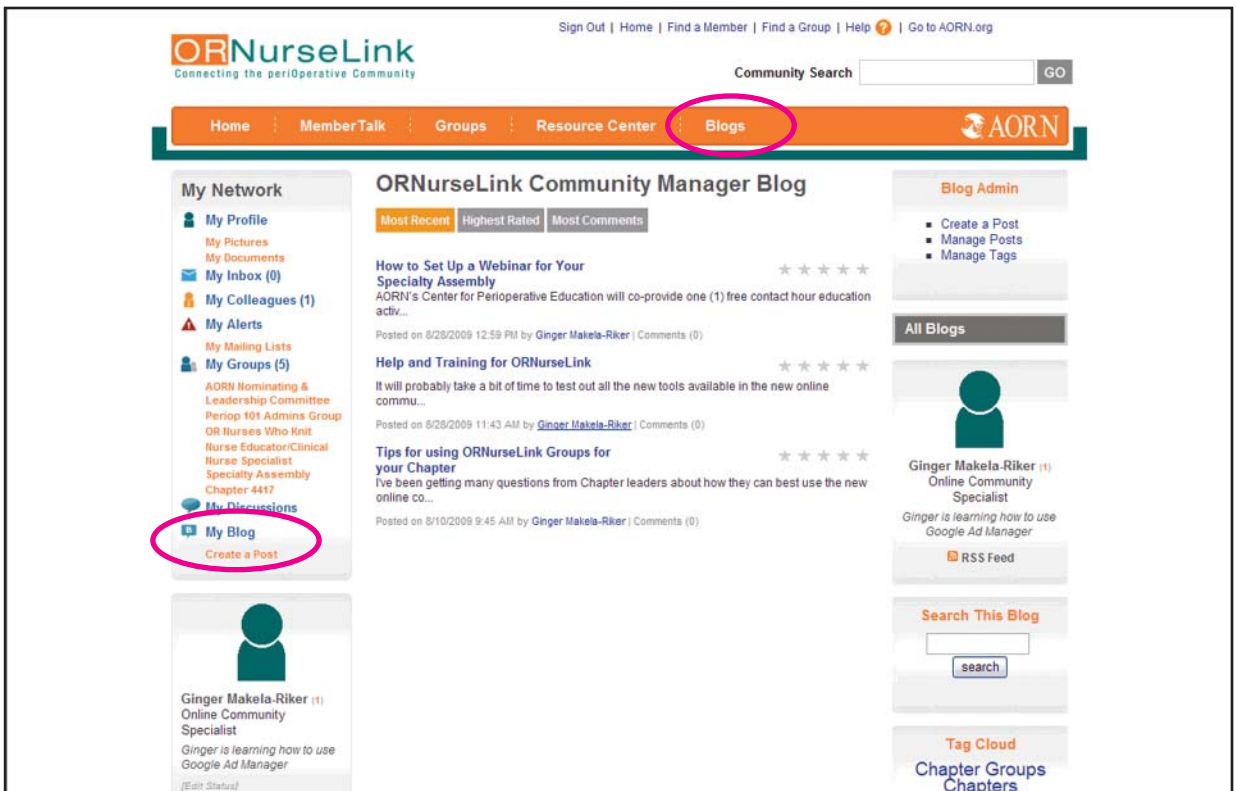
Easily share all kinds of files – PDFs, Word Docs, PowerPoint presentations, and video files – with other members. Find relevant documents quickly.



Find helpful documents, like competencies, sample job descriptions, policies, and educational resources.

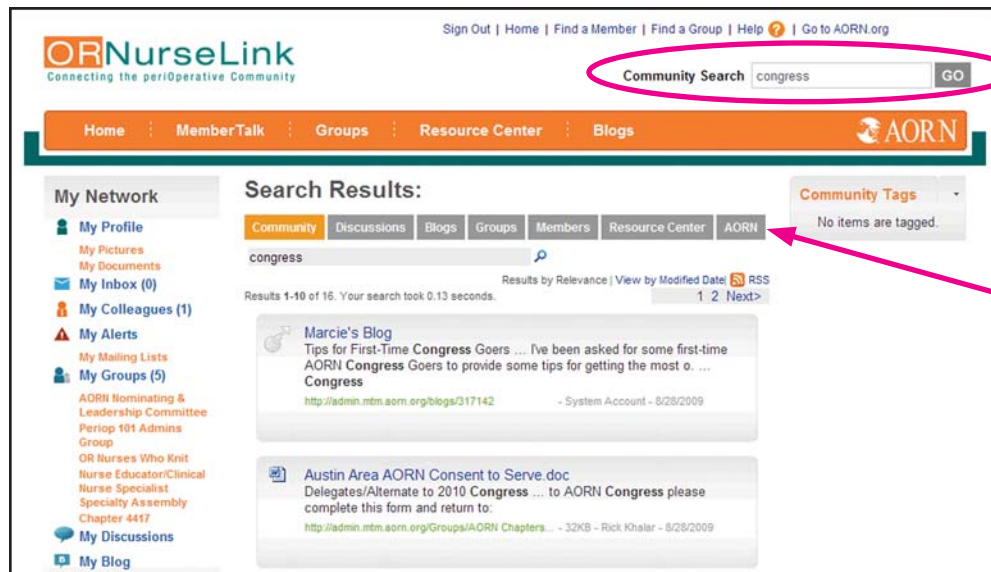
## Blogs

You can create your very own blog to share thoughts, photos, links, and more with colleagues. Blogs are a running weblog of commentary and insights maintained by an individual. Regular entries are posted on a particular subject, similar to journal entries.



## Search

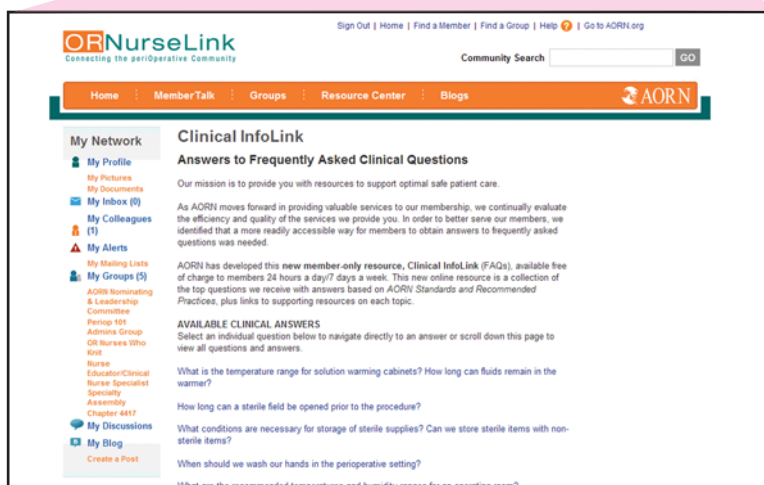
Perform a search of the community and AORN.org – all from one search box. Find the information you're looking for with search results broken out by documents, members, discussions, etc.



You can also select the individual category tabs for more refined search results.

## Clinical InfoLink

Clinical InfoLink is a repository of answers to frequently asked clinical questions in the perioperative setting, providing you with resources to support optimal safe patient care. Select this link to check out the latest frequently asked clinical questions. Answers provided here are based on AORN's *Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices*.



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## Easy First Steps... Get Started Today

1. Log on to OR Nurse Link, **upload your photo**, and add information about you in "My Profile."



2. **Search for colleagues** and build your networking circle by sending "Colleague Requests" (similar to linking to friends on other social media sites).



3. **Post a question**, browse through discussions and scan the "Resource Center" for free resources that may be helpful to you.



Share a policy on...

Can you tell me...

What are you doing...



4. Visit back daily or weekly and **make OR Nurse Link your go-to place for resources and networking**. Bookmark ORNurseLink.org in your web browser favorites.

**ORNurseLink.org**

To learn more about using the site select the Help link located at the very top of each page. The Help section will link you to in-depth help files, tips and tricks, as well as the online Help group where you can ask questions.

Discover **ORNurseLink.org** – your place to get connected, meet colleagues, and find answers.

*Your new benefit of membership.*