

NAON Speaker's Bureau

Orthopaedic Nursing Review Course

Jennifer Drake, DNP, RN, ONC

Jennifer Drake is a nurse of 30 and has practiced in a wide variety of settings including critical care, acute rehab head injury and spinal cord injury, orthopaedic and spine surgery, academia as faculty and clinical education in acute care. Jennifer loves mentoring and educating new nurses as they launch their nursing career as well as guide the seasoned nurse to new avenues on their nursing journey. Jennifer has been teaching with NAON since 2008. She is married and has two teenagers in high school and college, and in her free time, she loves to quilt!

Recent evaluation: Jennifer kept it interesting with topic related humor and engaged the audience.

Peggy Herzberg, MS, RN, ANP, ONC

Peggy is an adult nurse practitioner specializing in orthopaedics. She earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from The University of Alabama; a Post-Masters certificate as an Adult Nurse Practitioner, MS in Nursing Service Administration and a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing each from Adelphi University. A knowledgeable, certified orthopaedic nurse with 40 years of experience. Peggy is the Director of Medical Services for The Helen Keller National Center in Sand Point, New York. She worked in private orthopaedic practice with Enrico Mango, MD for 30 years. Peggy maintains her own consulting company. Her volunteer work includes the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics where she served on the medical staff, and the United States Organization for Disabled Athletes. An experienced and engaging presenter, Peggy has been a member of NAON's Speakers Bureau for two decades. She was the editor of the 2012 NAON Orthopaedic Nurse Review Course and the 2019 NAON Orthopaedic Nurse Roundtable Course. Peggy serves as a content reviewer for the NAON Core Curriculum 8th edition. She has served on many NAON committees at the local and national level. Peggy is a founding member of the Long Island Orthopaedic Nurses (LION) Chapter of NAON and served as its vice-president for five years.

Recent evaluation: Peggy had great stories, connections and use of buzz words. She was a great speaker.

Cindy Lewis, MSN, APN-BC, ONP-C

Cindy is an Orthopaedic Nurse Practitioner with a background in general orthopaedics, trauma and oncology. She has worked in Orthopaedics both in the US and in Nicaragua. She currently works as the Orthopaedic Program Coordinator at Baptist Louisville, the 10th largest producer of total joint replacements in the US. In her role, Cindy is responsible for program development, orthopaedic certification, evaluation of clinical pathways, patient and nursing education, research, and data/outcome analysis. She chairs the Orthopaedic Disease Specific Committee and is a member of the NAON Education Committee. Cindy also works per diem with a team of orthopaedic trauma and oncology surgeons.

Liz McMurry, MSN, RN, FNP, ONC

Liz is currently a nurse practitioner with Dr. Albert Ramirez, a PM&R physician in Arlington, TX. She makes rounds at several SNF in the Arlington/Mansfield area overseeing the rehab portion of the patients care. She holds an Associate Degree in nursing from Tarrant County Junior College, a BSN from University of Texas at Arlington, and an MSN Family Nurse Practitioner from Baylor University.

Liz started orthopaedic nursing in 1975, taking the roles of staff nurse, supervisor, clinical coordinator/educator and program manager. She has presented orthopaedic topics locally, regionally and nationally for healthcare professionals and the community. Educational activities include orthopaedic orientation, patient education and course development. Liz has been an active NAON member, serving locally and nationally for the organization.

Recent evaluation: Liz has a wealth of knowledge and was easy to understand. She still works in the field and had great supporting examples.

Colleen Walsh, DNP, RN, ONP-C, CS, ACNP-BC

Dr. Walsh has been an orthopaedic nurse for 39 years and has been a staff nurse, assistant head nurse, orthopaedic clinical nurse specialist and orthopaedic nurse practitioner. She has published a variety of articles on orthopaedic nursing in peer reviewed journals and books. She is a certified acute care nurse practitioner and took the first certification examination in 1995.

Recent evaluation: Colleen was an excellent speaker and was personally knowledgeable in all areas. She did not read slides and added more info based on her clinical experience. I liked how she demonstrated test taking techniques for questions.

Marcia Weis, RN, BSN, MSN, ONC

Marcia Weis is the supervisor for Ortho/Neuro unit at Alegent Creighton Health Mercy Hospital. She has over 20 years of orthopedic nurse experience. Prior to management role she was the program coordinator for the Joint Replacement Center in Council Bluffs Iowa. She is the published author on the topics of continuing passive motion machine and the use of a blood salvage system after total joint replacement surgery. She continues research in the field of Orthopaedics, is the mother of five and Orthopaedic Nurse Certified.

Recent evaluation: Marcia was a dynamic speaker and kept the information fresh! The time went by so fast! Thank you, Marcia!