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11:00 am Eastern - 4:30 pm Eastern

Zoom

Time	Session	Speaker	Topic
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Opening Keynote	Kathy Perko, PPCNP-BC, CPON®, CHPPN, FPCN Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, University of Washington	"Grace, Gratitude, and Grit: Getting Through Challenging Times"
11:50 am - 12:20 pm	American Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC)	John Preston, DNSc, CRNA, FNAP, APN, President	Update on ABSNC
12:25 pm - 12:55 pm	American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS)	James Stobinski, PhD, RN, CNOR®, CSSM (E)®, President Elect	Update on ABNS; recognition of milestones
12:55 pm - 1:10 pm	Break		
1:15 pm - 2:10 pm	American Board of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. (ABOHN)	Dr. Betty Sanisidro, DNP, MSN, RN, COHN-S, APHN-BC, Executive Director	"The Importance of Certification in a Post COVID World"
2:15 pm - 2:35 pm	National Certification Corporation (NCC)	Cyndi Scovel, Consultant, NCC Special Projects and Media	"Certified Nurses Make a Difference PSA - a successful and timely collaboration"
2:40 pm - 2:55 pm	Break		
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Recorded session with follow-on group discussion	Dr. Peter Hotez, MD, PhD scientist, researcher, author, science explainer	"Global Vaccines and Vaccinations: The Science vs The Antiscience"
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Jim Stobinski	Thank you
On Demand	Recorded sessions	Janie Schumaker with Shannon Maio Josh Bowers, Account Director, PSI Sue Orchard, President and CEO, Commsmultilingual	"Perioperative Nursing Competencies in the United States" "Diversity and Inclusion - What is it? What does it have to do with translation and test administration?"

Speaker Bios and Session Descriptions



Kathy Perko, PPCNP-BC, CPON®, CHPPN, FPCN

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, University of Washington

Kathy Perko started her career in pediatric oncology at the Children’s Hospital in Seattle with a clinical focus caring for children with high-risk disease. In 2001, she founded the Bridges Palliative Care Program at OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital. She continued to see children with hematologic and oncologic conditions in that role. In May of 2020, she transitioned to Pediatric Palliative Care Education Director. She retired from OHSU Doernbecher in November 2020.

Ms. Perko is nationally certified as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Oncology Nurse, Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse, and Perinatal Loss Clinician. She currently serves as the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) representative to the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) Board of Directors. She also is a fellow in Palliative Care Nursing and a national ELNEC, EPEC (Education in Palliative and End of Life Care-Pediatrics), and Vital Talk trainer. Ms. Perko completed the Harvard Program in Palliative Care and Education. She holds certificates in pediatric bioethics from Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City and Palliative Care from the University of Washington. She is a well-known and well respected local, national, and international speaker in pediatric oncology and palliative care. Email contact: kperko@uw.edu

Session

Topic: Grace, Gratitude, and Grit: Getting Through Challenging Times

Description: These past few years have been challenging for everyone and have taken a toll on our nursing colleagues. Meditation and deep breathing are not enough. Reframing experiences through a lens of everyday grace, gratitude and grit provide an opportunity to focus on what can be done in this difficult time. Personal reflection and stories from nurses caring for patients will provide a backdrop for focusing on the gifts of this work, remembering our “why” for choosing this profession, and exploring how our certification boards can support us in the months ahead.



Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD, Scientist, Researcher, Author, Science Explainer

Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D. is Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine where he is also the Co-director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. He is also University Professor at Baylor University, Fellow in Disease and Poverty at the James A Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Senior Fellow at the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at Texas A&M University, Faculty Fellow with the Hagler Institute for Advanced Studies at Texas A&M University, and Health Policy Scholar in the Baylor Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy.

Dr. Hotez is an internationally recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development. He leads a team and product development partnership for developing new vaccines for diseases affecting hundreds of millions of children and adults worldwide, while championing access to vaccines globally and in the United States. Dr. Hotez has authored more than 600 original papers and is the author of five single-author books, including *Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism* (Johns Hopkins University Press); and *Preventing the Next Pandemic: Vaccine Diplomacy in a Time of Anti-science* (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Most recently as both a vaccine scientist and autism parent, he has led national efforts to defend vaccines and to serve as an ardent champion of vaccines going up against a growing national "antivax" threat. In 2021 he was recognized by scientific leadership awards from the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) and the AMA (American Medical Association), in addition to being recognized by the Anti-Defamation League with its annual Popkin Award for combating antisemitism. In 2022 Hotez and his colleague, Dr. Maria Elena Bottazzi, were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for "their work to develop and distribute a low-cost COVID-19 vaccine to people of the world without patent limitation."

More info (including full bio): www.peterhotez.org

Session

Topic: Misinformation in Health Care – Implications and Imperatives for Professionals and Certifying Boards

Description: As an internationally recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development, Dr. Peter Hotez has long-time, first-hand experience with the impact of vaccines and those that would dissuade others from getting them. Dr. Hotez will share his thoughts on the impact and implications of misinformation in the fight to get the world protected through vaccination. He also will provide considerations for our organizations in supporting our certificants in navigating this sticky issue. Dr. Hotez's comments will be prerecorded, and the session will include facilitated follow-on discussion among participating organizations.



Dr. Betty Sanisidro, DNP, MSN, RN, COHN-S, APHN-BC, Executive Director

Dr. Betty Sanisidro is the Executive Director of the American Board for Occupational Health Nurses. She commenced her nursing career with Robertwood Johnson University Hospital in New Jersey on a Medical Surgical unit then transitioned to occupational health 16 years ago realizing immediately she had found her niche.

Dr. Sanisidro holds a BSN from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and an MSN and Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Seton Hall University. She is a Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist and a Board Certified Advanced Practice Holistic Nurse. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses. Dr. Sanisidro published “Self-care is the best care: An educational initiative for nurses” in December 2022.

Sanisidro’s professional career includes managing occupational health programs and departments within Merrill Lynch, Prudential Financial, DOW Chemical, Sanofi, Titleist, and Johnson & Johnson. She has remained passionate about advocating for patient employees, managing regulatory and compliance programs, developing and implementing wellness initiatives, and advancing the nursing profession and nurses everywhere.

Dr. Sanisidro’s interests are in nursing education, process improvement and streamlining, self-care for healthcare providers, and advanced practice nursing and certification. She remains steadfast in her quest to empower nurses and effectuate change within the occupational health community.

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Session

Topic: The Importance of Certification in a Post COVID World

Description: As the world continues to navigate through a post- COVID society, certification becomes more important. Three objectives will be discussed to emphasize why certification is important. (1) Identify three benefits of certification. (2) Describe the requirements to becoming a certified occupational health nurse and maintaining certification. (3) Explain how certification can contribute to an OHN’s professional pathway.