Phase 1: AORN PERIOPERATIVE STANDARDS
Improving the practice environment to support patient safety and improve outcomes. Reducing the risk of surgical site infections by keeping the environment as clean as possible: Back to Basics is reborn
- No food or drink permitted in the restricted area,
- No personnel belongings in the OR proper
- Reduce traffic in and out of the OR
- Adherence to aseptic practices at all times

Phase 2: SURGICAL ATTIRE Evidence-Based
Bio-burden on home laundered scrubs is greater than hospital laundered scrubs (HLS). Current practice was not congruent with AORN recent recommendations of HLS.

PROPOSAL TO CNO TO SUPPORT INITIATIVE:
- CNO approves capital request of > $300,000
- Communication with COO to approve real estate needs
- Research Scrub Machines cost and capabilities
- Collaboration with:
  - Information Technology
  - Electrical Engineers
  - Materials Management
  - Clinical Engineering
  - Sizing and purchase of 1000 scrubs
  - Sizing and purchase of lab coats for off-site activities
  - Education of staff on accountability to practice standards

Phase 3: EDUCATE AND EVALUATE
Success will focus on SSI rates, staff empowerment, accountability of staff to practice standards, staff education, and environment changes
- Compare 2012/2013 surgical site infection rates
- Post survey

Are you confident in explaining the AORN standards of practice to your peers?