



The American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association and The Hendren Project Form Partnership for Pediatric Surgical Nursing

December 7, 2015 -**The Hendren Project (THP) and the American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association (APSNA) are proud to announce a collaborative agreement** to strengthen and broaden the pediatric surgical care community. APSNA and THP share a complementary vision to educate pediatric medical professionals and patient families by effectively using innovative technologies and educational techniques.

APSNA Background:

Formed in 1992, APSNA is a professional association of more than 600 pediatric surgical nurses, all of whom are experts in the surgical nursing care of infants, children, and adolescents. APSNA is at the forefront of promoting excellence in pediatric surgical nursing practice through educational offerings, nursing research, professional collaboration, and peer support. APSNA's vision is that all pediatric surgical patients will receive the highest quality nursing care that is patient and family centered.

THP Background:

Launched in 2014, **THP** provides a robust set of web-based digital resources and tools for the global pediatric surgical community that enables pediatric medical professionals to contribute and to access a breadth of medical content that can be shared to educate residents, surgical teams, and families of patients. Additionally, THP provides innovative community tools that enable caregivers to communicate directly with peers and associates—and groups of peers and associates—in a secure and private networked environment.

The Partnership:

The collaborative relationship will be built on the complementing strengths and needs of **APSNA** and **THP** to inform and educate surgical nurses, other pediatric medical professionals, and families of patients. The partnership will work on joint projects that are focused on nurses and the nursing profession, such as conducting online workshops for pediatric nurses internationally, sharing presentations from the annual meeting, and including links to the *Journal of Pediatric Surgical Nursing* in its network of digital resources. The two organizations believe that this collaboration will enhance their current missions in helping to provide the best care to children across the globe.

Raquel Pasarón, President, APSNA

We are honored to have become part of this community of professionals dedicated to the care of pediatric surgical patients and families. The mission and vision of THP and APSNA are very much aligned, and therefore compliment one another. APSNA embodies excellence in pediatric surgical nursing and with our collective expertise



and specialty practice we hope to bring nursing excellence to those we serve. We look forward to this collaborative relationship and hope to continue educating our families and ourselves in this multidisciplinary foundation of healthcare delivery.

Dr. William G. Hendren, President, The Hendren Project

“There is nothing more fundamental and important in the passionate care of sick children than a caregiver team at every level that is well informed. THP’s mission is to provide a set of digital resources to foster sharing and communication of knowledge and experience to better care for sick children, and this is well aligned with that of APSNA. Outstanding nursing is the lynch-pin to great care, and so we at THP are excited to share our mission and resources with the members of APSNA. This partnership will allow us to bring highly valued learning opportunities and experts to our growing community, and most importantly better serve surgically ill children around the globe.”

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