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Dear AORN Hawaii Chapter Member,

Greetings! We are pleased and honored to request your attendance at the 2005 Hawaii Chapter, American College of Surgeons, Annual Summer Travel Meeting. This event will be held August 5 and August 6 at the JW Marriot Ihilani Resort and Spa at Ko' Olina on Oahu. Please see the enclosed registration form for event-specific dates and times.

Chapter Website: http://hawaiifacs.org

The Chapter has contracted a block of rooms and a special daily room rate of \$255.00 has been arranged for ACS Hawaii and AORN Hawaii Travel Meeting attendees at the Ihilani. This excellent rate is extended three days pre- and post-event, making it available to you from August 2 through August 9, 2005. Room reservations can be made on a call-in basis to 1-808-679-0079. A limited number of rooms are available so make your reservations as soon as possible. Tell the reservations operator you are reserving under the American College of Surgeons block. Effective July 5, the rooms we have blocked off are no longer available.

The THEME of this year's Travel Meeting is Innovations in Surgery: Invention, Implementation, and Reimbursement. The meeting will begin with specialized clinical presentations to be followed by presentations and an interactive panel session addressing the complexities of introducing new technologies into the OR. The following are some of the topics that will be addressed at the Saturday August 6 Scientific Meeting:

Clinical Presentations

- What's New in Vascular Surgery, Whats On the Horizon and the OR of the Future (D. Sato et al)
- Comparison of Diagnostic Modalities in Colo-Rectal Surgery Including Discussion on CT Colonoscopy, Virtual Colonoscopy, Robotics at Present (R. Gagliano)
- Capsule Endoscopy (A. Shelton, Stanford University, Visiting Professor)

Presentations and Panel Session moderated by Danny Takanishi

The Introduction of New Technologies and Techniques into the Operating Room

- MD issues from the View of a Chief of Staff. Considerations of training, proctoring and outcomes
- RN issues from the View of an OR director. Considerations of training and preparing the OR staff, resources needed to properly prepare the staff for the procedure, responsibilities of the staff to voice concerns and openly ensure proper procedures and processes in view of patient safety
- Medical Center issues from the View of a Medical Center Administrator: Considerations of resources needed, investments, reimbursements, marketing, among other issues. (B. Croft)
- Insurance perspective. Considerations of what constitutes a reimburseable procedure, What is covered and what is not, how are the reimbursement levels determined, issues that surgeons and medical centers be aware of when introducing new innovations/techniques/technologies
- The Perspective from Kaiser Permanente training, proctoring, outcomes, patient safety, financial considerations, and healthplan coverage issues (E. Matayoshi)

The Charles Judd Memorial Banquet speaker will be Glenn Furuya, renown leadership and empowerment speaker, and his topic is Leadership in the OR: The Responsibilities of the Surgeon and RN. We suggest his take on this matter will be different than you've ever heard before! See http://www.leadershipworks.com/ for more information about Glenn.

This correspondence requests that you RESERVE the weekend of August 5,6 and plan to spend at least a couple of days at the Ihilani Resort and Spa. Enclosed is a registration form, please complete and submit the registration form and appropriate fee as soon as possible. As was the case in previous years, costs to AORN chapter members will be kept to a minimum. Please note, there are different categories of registration ranging from "full attendance" to "scientific meeting only"

The Queen's Medical Center Office of Continuing Medical Education is the CME sponsor.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ihilani, August 5 and 6. Please mark your calendar, make your hotel reservation and submit the meeting registration form and fee! More information will be posted on our website at http://hawaiifacs.org

For questions about the meeting, call Gary Belcher at 586-7446.

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