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Free to Be...

This is the theme for our next year with AORN. This is a great motto I will be taking back with me to my job. I believe we all need to feel empowered to feel "free to be" the kind of nurse our patients need and deserve. We need to put our professionalism front and center in our practice.



I enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of our members at the breakfast and at the booth. In particular, I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Kathy Gaberson and Joy Don Baker to discuss the future of our profession. We all need to be invested in getting our newer nurses involved with our professional organization. I am looking forward to working with the other nurses who got together to discuss the future in our "techy world". In addition, I am grateful for the time Joy Don took to discuss the opportunities and suggestions she had for working on my goal of publishing.

As always, it is an amazing experience to be involved in the delegate process. I am looking forward to the involvement of more of our nurses as delegates with the approval of the voting process from home. I hope to encourage all members within my department to become informed and involved.

Next up, Philadelphia! I can't wait!

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