Exam Basics

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Objectives

- Review breakdown of CAPA questions
- Review breakdown of CPAN questions
- Review eligibility to test
- Review references to study
- Discuss recertification process
Why Test?

- Strengthens your sense of personal and professional pride
- Gives you a competitive edge in the job market
- Reflection of your commitment to Perianesthesia nursing
- Validates current knowledge and experience
Eligibility

- Current RN license
- 1800 hours of direct clinical experience during the two years prior to application
CPAN vs. CAPA

- **CPAN** = Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse
  - if most of your work is in the Phase I portion

- **CAPA** = Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse
  - if you work mostly in preadmission, Phase II, or extended care

- Or dual certification
## Blueprint

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<th>Perianesthesia Patient Needs</th>
<th>Percentage of Exam Questions</th>
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<td>Physiological Needs</td>
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Test

- Computerized test taken at a Prometric site
- 3 hours to complete
- 175 questions, 140 are scored, 35 questions are pilot questions being tested for accuracy and clarity
- You are able to skip questions, change answers and flag questions to come back to
- All questions are referenced to a published source, written by a perianesthesia nurse who is CPAN/CAPA certified
Registration and Exam Dates

- Fall 2014 registration window July 14 – September 8, 2014
- Fall 2014 exam window October 6 – November 29, 2014
- Spring 2015 dates currently not available at this time
Fees

- $285 for ASPAN member
- $385 for non-ASPAN member
- Cancel or reschedule 31 days or more without charge from Prometric
  - 3-30 days charge of $62.50
  - < 3 days $66.24 charge
- ABPANC gives partial refund unless you roll-over to take the exam within the next year (within the next 12 months)
Maintaining Certification

• Need to have 1200 hours of experience over the 3 year period, a current license and either:
  - 90 Contact Hours (cost is $185 ASPAN member / $300 nonmember)
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} recertification period need 60 hours in direct care / 30 hours in indirect care
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} recertification period need 45 hours in direct care / 45 hours in indirect care
  - Further recertification periods there is no minimal requirement for direct care hours
• If do not meet CEU’s, you can retest at same cost at initial exam
www.capacpan.org

- Registration
- Practice exams
- Test dates
- Candidate handbook
  - Blueprint
  - Eligibility
  - Criteria for maintain certification
  - Study resource list
How to Prepare

Resources

- Core Curriculum book edited by Lois Schick and Pamela Windle
- Drain’s PeriAnesthesia Nursing: A Critical Care Approach by Odom-Forrem
- JoPAN
- Practice exams available for purchase at www.cpancapa.org
- Check out certification handbook!