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ANSELL LAUNCHES NURSE SERVICE AWARD FOR EUROPEAN O.R. NURSES

Recognising the unsung heroes of the Operating Room

7 April 2015 – Brussels, Belgium – Ansell, a global leader in protection solutions, is proud to announce the first Ansell Cares® H.E.R.O. Service Award for European Operating Room (O.R.) Nurses. The award, organised in partnership with the European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA), recognizes perioperative nurses who display exceptional skill and quality in patient care, and present an in-depth commitment to staff education and development.

"The 2015 Ansell Cares H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award for European O.R. nurses was established to show our appreciation and admiration for operating room nurses," says Peter Dobbelssteijn, Chief Commercial Officer EMEA & APAC Region at Ansell. "We would like to highlight-- to healthcare workers, patients and the public-- the key role perioperative nurses play in delivering positive healthcare outcomes. We see nurses as heroes!"

From 7 April through 10 May 2015, Europeans are invited to nominate their perioperative nurse hero online. On 18 May voting will begin and continue through 19 June 2015. The top 5 nominees with the most votes will receive the 2015 Ansell Cares H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award for European O.R. Nurses plaque, and have their story profiled online. Ansell will also make a generous donation in their name to the charitable association of their choice amongst Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), Lifebox, European Heart for Children, Chain of Hope, Operation Smile or FoAN- Friends of African Nursing.

To learn about the winners of the 2015 Ansell Cares H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award for European O.R. Nurses, or consult the official rules, visit <http://www.ansellcareshero.com>. To like, follow and share news of the nominated nurses, a dedicated [@AnsellCares](https://twitter.com/AnsellCares) Twitter account and [Facebook page](#) have been created.

Vetting the nominations for this award will take place in partnership with EORNA. Ansell Healthcare supports EORNA's Accreditation Council for Education (ACE) with specific courses from its Ansell Cares educational programme. Caroline Higgins, President of EORNA, explains: "For us, it is very important for perioperative nurses to feel recognised in their profession. We are delighted that this award has been established and actively encourage fellow nurses, doctors and surgeons to nominate outstanding perioperative nurses."

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About Ansell

Ansell is a world leader in providing superior health and safety protection solutions that enhance human well-being.

With operations in North America, Latin America/Caribbean, EMEA and Asia, Ansell employs nearly 14,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the personal protective equipment and medical gloves market, as well as in the sexual health and well-being category worldwide. Ansell operates in four main business segments: Medical, Industrial, Single Use and Sexual Wellness.

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About EORNA

A not-for-profit association, the European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA) was founded in 1980, and today consists of 25 member associations, representing 50,000 Healthcare professionals. EORNA exists to enhance and develop perioperative patient care across Europe. It does so by promoting and maintaining a high standard of perioperative patient care; by being the influential voice of perioperative nurses in Europe; and by linking and collaborating with relevant European and international organizations. One of EORNA's most important educational activities is EORNA ACE, the Accreditation Council for Education.

Information on EORNA can be found at <http://www.eorna.eu>.

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