

ORTHOPAEDIC NURSES WEEK

STRONG TODAY. STRONGER TOMORROW.

CELEBRATION PLANNING GUIDE

Orthopaedic Nurses Week is an opportunity to recognize the expertise, compassion, & dedication of orthopaedic nurses. This guide offers simple ideas to help your team celebrate, connect, and recognize one another.

1. Choose Your Celebration Team

Identify someone to coordinate activities. Consider involving staff, leaders, educators, or other members of the care team.

- ✓ Choose a coordinator / planning team
- ✓ Decide which activities fit your schedule / budget
- ✓ As staff what activities they would enjoy
- ✓ Invite leadership to participate in at least 1 activity

2. Pick Your Activities

You do not have to do everything. Choose one or two activities each day, or select only the ideas that work for your team.

RECOGNIZE	CONNECT	CELEBRATE
☐ Orthopaedic Nurse certificates ☐ Peer recognition cards ☐ Recognition during huddle ☐ Leadership thank-you message	☐ Why I Love Orthopaedics cards ☐ Team photo ☐ Share a patient success story ☐ Share an orthopaedic nursing tip	☐ Decorate your unit / breakroom ☐ Orthopaedic Bingo ☐ Host a snack or coffee break ☐ Celebrate on social media

3. Plan Your Week

Use this schedule to plan your celebration or create your own.

DAY	CELEBRATION IDEA	WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?
Monday	Share your orthopaedic nursing story, decorate, take a team photo, and start your <i>Why I Love Orthopaedics</i> display.	
Tuesday	Explore an area of orthopaedic nursing you'd like to strengthen. Try Orthopaedic Bingo or browse NAON's Education Catalog.	
Wednesday	Host a webinar watch party with your team. Pick a NAON webinar recording, bring some snacks, and learn together.	
Thursday	Give a Peer Recognition Card, distribute a Proud Orthopaedic Nurse Certificate, or recognize someone during huddle.	
Friday	Write a thank-you note, share a team treat, and celebrate the people who make your orthopaedic team stronger.	

4. Keep It Meaningful, Not Expensive

Recognition does not need a large budget. Try one of these simple ideas:

FREE	Handwritten thank-you notes • Recognition during staff huddle • A peer appreciation wall • Team photo • Leadership thank-you message • Patient success story sharing
LOW-COST	Coffee and breakfast treats • Snack or candy bar • Pizza or lunch break • Ice cream or popsicle break • Small gift-card drawing • Individual or team certificates

5. Share Your Celebration

Show your orthopaedic nursing pride! Share photos, team activities, or messages of appreciation on social media using **#OrthoNursesWeek** and **#IAMANORTHONURSE**.

Remember: Follow your organization's policies regarding photography, social media, and patient privacy. Do not include identifiable patient information in photos or posts.