

**Mona Guckian Fisher RN,
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Mona has been nursing for 40 years, both in her native Ireland and in the UK; working within a variety of perioperative disciplines.

Mona is President of the International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN) 2018-2021, which represents more than 200,000 perioperative nurses worldwide.

As Association for Perioperative Practice (AfPP), past president (2015-2017), Mona is proud to have represented and supported Operating Department Practitioners (ODP)s and Nurses across the UK, and continues to champion the extraordinary contribution of the perioperative workforce.

Mona is a registered safety practitioner and a qualified occupational health nurse, and is a chartered member of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (CMIOSH). Her special interests largely centre on the study of medical law and ethics particularly in relation to patient safety, standards of care, staffing, competence and human behaviour.

Mona has a Masters degree (with commendation) in health law from Nottingham University, and her dissertation focused on the professional, legal and ethical issues relating to non-medical practitioners extending skills across medical boundaries in perioperative practice. She also provides independent expertise as required, including work as an expert witness, taking legal instruction for both Defendant and Claimant clinical negligence cases and providing reports for Court.

Mona has served on the board of the European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA) 2013-2017 and the International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN) 2014-2017. She is involved in a number of global health care initiatives and provides education, support and expertise to help influence the direction of perioperative services across the national and international healthcare community, and is a trustee with the UK Charity Friends of African Nursing (FoAN).

Over the last number of years, she has been to India and Africa promoting standardised practice, teamwork and patient safety in the multidisciplinary theatre team. Together with her colleague Minija Joseph, Mona successfully launched the first Indian Association for perioperative nurses (IAoRPN) in Chennai & Rishikesh in February 2019.

Mona received the first AfPP Award of Merit 2017 in recognition of her services to perioperative practice and patient safety.