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Fellow PeriAnesthesia Nurses,

I would like to take a moment to wish you all a Happy PeriAnesthesia Nurses Week! This is a week to celebrate our practice and recognize your colleagues for the outstanding work that you do daily. Although perianesthesia nurses make up only a small percentage of nurses overall, you are a group of specially trained nurses who are resilient and strong and who face change and challenge regularly, all while providing the best experience possible for patients and their families.

To those nurses who are certified in the Perianesthesia Nursing Specialty, I urge you to continue sharing your knowledge with your colleagues who weren't fortunate enough to receive this certification. In 1597, Sir Francis Bacon published a saying in his work "Knowledge itself is power". The more that this information transfer happens, the more that a perianesthesia nurse knows, and the more likely they will be able to utilize critical thinking while caring for patients.

Please take some time to not only acknowledge yourself and the work that you do, but the work of those on your team as well. Without you, a large piece of a healthcare puzzle would be missing!

Happy PeriAnesthesia Nurses Week!

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