

## *Key Note Speaker- Dr. Lois Hamlin*

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Lois has acquired nursing experience working in a number of acute clinical settings but has practiced principally as an operating room nurse. Other areas of practice include intensive care, coronary care, and acute/high dependency medical and surgical wards, in Australia and the UK. Her roles in these several settings include that of clinician, manager and educator. Lois is a member of the Executive Committee of the NSW Operating Theatre Association and a former member of the Board of ACORN, the national perioperative nursing organisation in Australia. She is a past editor of the ACORN Journal and currently, is on the editorial boards of the Journal of Perioperative Practice (UK) and AORN Journal (USA). In 2000, she was the winner of Alison Bell writer's award – editor's choice, for the best paper published in the British Journal of Perioperative Nursing (2000). She was the inaugural recipient of the NSWOTA Excellence in Perioperative Nursing award and was the 2008 ACORN Judith Cornell Orator. Her research interests include perioperative competency development, the role and influence of professional associations, and recruitment and retention in perioperative settings. She was the lead editor of the first Australasian perioperative textbook, Perioperative Nursing: An introductory text published in 2009. She has also published 8 book chapters, more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and 30 other papers.