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Peter has been a prolific presenter, delivering talks to both surgeons and nurses on various topics related to infection control, latex allergy, and patient and staff safety. Peter's presentations have taken him around the world. He has been invited to speak at AORN Expos and Congresses twenty-one times. He has also presented as a general session speaker at the ANCC Magnet Hospital conference.

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Peter's dedication to assisting his colleagues in developing posters and submissions for specialty association meetings and his involvement in producing accredited healthcare continuing education programs underscore his commitment to advancing the knowledge and practice of safe perioperative care. His contributions not only benefit individual providers but also ultimately contribute to improving patient care and outcomes.