**FAQ: ACORN STANDARDS : ACORN SHAGG VIDEO : ACORN PATS**

**What is ACORN?**

ACORN is the Australian College of Operating Room Nurses ( Peak Professional Body for Perioperative Nurses).

**WHAT ARE THE ACORN STANDARDS?**

The ACORN standards constitute the specialty knowledge of the perioperative nursing community in Australia and represent the accepted standard of professional practice.  Whilst the ACORN standards are **NOT** legislation, they are held in very high regard and often used as a reference for practice by the government, regulation authorities, industry and the general public.

**HOW TO ACCESS:**

On a networked computer, once you have logged on:
> [National Library](https://ramsayhealthcare.sharepoint.com/sites/Dep_NationalLibrary) (on the Intranet)>Resource Quick Links

You can access the ACORN Standards on a Ramsay laptop offsite, but not from your personal computer.

ACORN standards cannot be printed out. All you can do is take a screen shot.

Please let me know if you would like further information.

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The ACORN video -  [**ACORN SURGICAL HAND ANTISEPSIS, GOWNING & GLOVING**](https://www.acorn.org.au/)

1.Go to [www.acorn.org.au](https://www.acorn.org.au/)

2.Click on Login (top right hand corner)
Login with:
username: library@ramsayhealth.com.au
password: library@ramsayhealth.com.au

Click on Login

3.Ramsay Health Care will appear at the top of the screen

4.Education tab

5. Click on Resources (in the drop down list)
Click on:
**View Surgical Hand Antisepsis, Gowning and Gloving video**

6.Add your name
Click I agree
Click on Send

Video should be ready to start.

On completion, click on Log Out.

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**ACORN PRACTICE AUDIT TOOLS (PATs)** are customised spreadsheets to record evidence of clinical practice during real-time observational audits of perioperative nurses. The PATs are designed to measure perioperative nurses' compliance and therefore the quality of perioperative nursing care against the nationally recognised professional standards of practice, Standards for Perioperative Nursing in Australia.

**TO ACCESS PATs (PRACTICE AUDIT TOOLS)**1. https://[www.acorn.org.au](http://www.acorn.org.au)
2. Click on Login (top right hand corner)
3. Login with
username: library@ramsayhealth.com.au
password: library@ramsayhealth.com.au
4. Ramsay Health Care will appear at the top of the screen.
5. At the Standards tab, scroll down to Practice Audit Tools (PATs)
6. Click on [Login to access PATs e-File access](https://www.acorn.org.au/pat-e-files-and-training-webinars)

PATs may be accessed on your mobile and used at the bedside (point of care).
At [www.acorn.org.au](http://www.acorn.org.au) logon with library@ramsayhealth.com.au / library@ramsayhealth.com.au

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