Patients that go through an operation depend on perioperative nurses' practical knowledge. This knowledge is a combination of theoretical, ethical and personal understanding. Perioperative nurses work to guarantee their patients the best possible safety and security during the operation.

NORNA, Nordic Operating Room Nurses Association, is a professional organisation/organisation that aims at taking care of operation room nurses' interests within perioperative nursing and wants to promote operation room nurses' professional skills so that their professionalism is based on science and skilled and tested practices.

NORNA was founded in 1993. NORNA is a Nordic organisation/organization for the operation room nurses in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. NORNA's board of directors consists of two members from each Nordic country and each country alternates as the chairman. The chairman's term is two years.

NORNA has two meetings each year, one working meeting and a resolution meeting.

**The Nordic Associations**
The different associations for Nordic Operating Room Nurses are the following:

**Denmark**
Faglig sammenslutning for sygepljersker ved operations-, skade- och modtageafdelinger, kirurgiske ambulatorier samt sterseringcentraler, FS SASMO, 1 600 members.

**Finland**
Suomen leikkausosaston sairaanhoitajat ry, FORNA, 2 600 members.

**Iceland**
Fagdeild Skurdhjúkrunarfraedinga, ISORNA, 132 members.

**Norway**
Norsk sykepleierforbund Landsgruppe av Operasjonssykepleiere, NFSLOS, 1 600 members.

**Sweden**
Riksföreningen för Operationssjukvård, SEORNA, 1800 members.

**Periodicals**
In Denmark “Tråden” four times a year. 
In Finland “Pinsetti” four times a year. 
In Iceland “Nálahaldarinn” twice a year.
In Norway “Overblikk” four times a year.
In Sweden “Uppdukat” four times a year.

**Membership**
All the Nordic operation room nurses’ professional associations are members of NORNA. As an individual operation room nurse you can take part in all the conferences organised by the different Nordic associations on the same conditions as the same countries’ members can.

**Priorities**
We aim to spread information of the training of operation room nurses and their work conditions.
And to spread information of Nordic studies of perioperative nursing.
We also aim to facilitate Nordic cooperation within perioperative nursing research.