
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Where did 2021 go?

While COVID-19 once again took control of our lives I find the year seems to have passed very quickly and I wanted to reflect on our accomplishments throughout 2021.

Our greatest achievement has been our ability to organise and run a virtual conference. The talents of many members were used to ensure a seamless transition to virtual. They used them well. We were delighted to read in the evaluations that this method of presentation provided many, who would not otherwise attend, with the opportunity to access continuing education and enjoy an, albeit limited, ability to socialize with colleagues “on the web.”

Our rolling membership passed its first year mark and shows, by the numbers, that this is indeed a positive change for ORNAC. We have over 1,000 members with the new membership numbers steadily growing. Renewal reminders are now sent automatically at one month and then two weeks prior to the membership expiry date.

Our Masterclass Webinar Series, in association with our industry partners, was another first in 2021 and it was well received. There are plans for more such webinars in 2022 and beyond and we are encouraged by the level of interest and participation in these presentations.

Another virtual option for members is the online *ORNAC Journal* which is available in every member's profile.

This allows for total portability and access on any device, any time, any day.

Through our partnership with CSA Group, we launched an e-subscription option for access to the *ORNAC Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Perioperative Registered Nurses* in late November of 2020. Educational institutions and larger healthcare authorities are now able to subscribe to the electronic version for desktop access at work by their staff and/or students. We also added the option of a bundle that includes 9 Medical Device Reprocessing Standards with the ORNAC Standards. This subscription option has been very successful and well received.

Finally, we have reviewed and revised our Educational Program Approval process. It has been updated and available since June of 2021. George Brown College and MacEwan University have been successful in achieving the ORNAC Approved status for their programs for the next three years. Three more educational facilities are at various stages of the new process.

All in all, a successful year despite the pandemic. ORNAC, as our Perioperative Nurses Week theme for 2021 stated, “Adapted and Evolved” and continues to move forward with many more possibilities being discussed for 2022!

Wishing you all the best for the Holiday Season. And a healthy and happy new year. 🍀