

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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“If everyone is moving forward together then success takes care of itself.”

- Henry Ford

After working diligently with our Board of Directors I am excited to announce that our new three-year Strategic Plan will be ready for launch this Fall and it will be shared with members. The new plan focuses on a revitalization of ORNAC and bringing additional value to our Members.

Our strategic planning process included connecting ORNAC's mission (the purpose of its business) to its vision (what it wants to achieve) while upholding its values. The mission and vision will be revised in order to strategically position ORNAC for success. We have developed a 'road map' by setting clear priorities, focusing our energy & resources, prioritizing members, and strengthening our operations. We want to make sure that volunteers, and other stakeholders, are working toward common goals, establishing agreement around intended outcomes, and that there is an evaluation process in place. ORNAC members benefit from being part of a provincial and national association and we want to ensure this benefit is maximized.

We will, over the next three years, promote clear positions on issues that affect perioperative nursing. ORNAC will create a sustainable organization by focusing on three main strategic priorities:

1. Demonstrating leadership in patient safety;

2. Enabling best practices in perioperative patient care; and
3. Advancing perioperative nursing career development and leadership to create effective perioperative teams.

The desired outcomes will be:

1. Patients will benefit from safe and effective care;
2. Perioperative practice will be performed at a high standard;
3. Perioperative nurses will lead the development of effective perioperative teams; and
4. Retaining existing members and recruiting new members.

Building on past achievements & responding to environmental trends ORNAC will, through this strategic plan and in collaboration with others, strengthen leadership in perioperative practice & patient safety by advocating for perioperative registered nurses, patients, and patient's families. Through implementation of effective governance and membership engagement ORNAC will be positioned to make a strong impact on perioperative practice within the Canadian healthcare system regionally, provincially, nationally. This strategic plan will inspire and promote excellence in perioperative practice.

I look forward to your feedback on the Strategic Plan. This is your professional

association and your input and support is crucial to our growth and strength.

Planning for the 2021 ORNAC National Conference, in Victoria, BC, is progressing well and we are hopeful that circumstances will improve to allow us to meet up again at this event. Please plan to attend! Although 2020 has been a very challenging year I have been impressed with the creative, resourceful, ways that provincial groups have found to hold their AGMs and conferences virtually.

The June issue of this journal included a pull-out Perioperative Nurses Week poster. Its theme, “Under the Light of Nightingale from Humble Beginnings... Our best Shines Through,” reflects the year of the Nurse and Florence Nightingale the founder of the first nursing standards on infection control and environmental cleaning. The poster celebrates the founders of our ORNAC Standards – Muriel Shewchuk and Gloria Stevens. Our best shines through these ladies and those who continue their great work including every perioperative nurse who uses these evidence-based standards to guide their practice. Please display your poster and take the time to celebrate your week from November 8 to 14. 🍁

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