

# REPORT FROM THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PILLAR CHAIR

**Submitted by:** Chris Downey RN, BScN, CPN(C), MSc, RNFA, Chair, ORNAC Professional Practice and Research Pillar.

In keeping with the focus of my earlier report, in the March journal, I continue my reports on our committees with information about the Standards Committee.

Eight perioperative nurses get together monthly, via internet, to review, revise, and create (where gaps are identified) evidence-based guidelines for your perioperative best-practice. These are published as The ORNAC Standards, Guidelines, and Position Statements for Perioperative Registered Nurses. In 2019 we published the 14th edition of this document that is also known by the short form The ORNAC Standards.

This year's Standards Committee is fortunate to have 5 returning committee members which allows for a smooth continuation of past work done on the previous edition. The Standards Committee operates under the leadership of Co-Chairs Sylvie Beauregard (QC) RN, BScN, and Antonietta Carriero (QC) RN, BScN, MN (candidate), and its committee members are Joanne Clark (BC) RN, BScN, CPN(C), Vanja Ryan (BC) RN, BScN, MN, Heather Martin (BC) RN, BScN, CPN(C), Julie Maranda (QC) RN, BScN, MScN, Erin Robertson (ON) RN, BScN, MN, CPN(C), and Jaswant Birk (BC) RN, BScN, CPN(C).

This committee works diligently to ensure that your Standards document is up to date with practice statements, and rationales to support the statements, and is informed by what is most current in the literature. The process is time-consuming. Current

guidelines are reviewed, new practice areas are identified, literature searches are conducted (with the support of our Queen's University colleagues under the direction of Kevin Woo RN, PhD), levels of evidence are applied, and the practice statement and/or rationales are changed accordingly. The revised areas are then translated into French and reviewed by our bilingual committee members to ensure accuracy in translation. The committee then sends the standards out to reviewers, who are perioperative nursing practitioners and educators, for feedback.

If you would like to be considered as a potential reviewer, and contribute to this process, please let us know. You can visit [www.ORNAC.ca](http://www.ORNAC.ca) and choose *Contact Us* and then the link *Become an ORNAC Standards Reviewer* under the Standards heading.

The work of this committee is ongoing. Once one edition has been published the committee immediately begins work on the next edition. They respond to questions, from both ORNAC members and non-members alike, on issues that arise in the many operating rooms across the country. To send a question to the Standards Committee use the Standards Submit a Question link on the contact us page of [www.ORNAC.ca](http://www.ORNAC.ca).

More information about the ORNAC Standards Committee and the ORNAC Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements document and how to purchase, please visit the ORNAC website. 🌸