
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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At the May 2017 ORNAC National Conference we were pleased to release the 13th Edition of the ORNAC Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Registered Nurses.

Brought to fruition by a strong team of dedicated Standards Committee volunteers (co-chaired by Chris Downey and Corenia Price), and with the guidance of Dr. Kevin Woo (Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing, Queen's University), the 13th Edition of the ORNAC Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Registered Nurses has been released with the validation process completed for Sections 3 and 4. The validation process, measured by a verification system, confirms this document meets the necessary requirements and that it fulfills its intended purpose in the perioperative environment. These are critical components for the enhancement of patient safety in healthcare in order to ensure that perioperative nursing practice is consistent with the ORNAC Mission, Vision, and Values that promote excellence.

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promote accountability for our actions, and support competence in the workplace. They are patient-centred, promote the best possible outcome, and minimize exposure to the risk of harm. This document encourages us to enhance our knowledge-base, on an ongoing basis, through experience, continuing education, and the use of the latest guidelines. The use of the Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Registered Nurses is critical to patient and staff safety, quality assurance, and risk management. We must continue to ensure that we meet, or exceed, established professional standards to maintain the trust and respect of our patients and the community.

A heartfelt thank you to the entire team of reviewers, translators, validators, and editors. You are wonderfully dedicated, very generous with your time, expertise, and commitment, and we appreciate your expert contributions to this document.

Thank you to all involved for advancing ORNAC's vision 'to be the leader in perioperative practice & patient safety through a strong, unified national association that enhances and advances the practice of perioperative Registered Nurses & Associates.'

The 13th Edition of the ORNAC Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Registered Nurses are available for purchase at www.shop.csa.ca. 🍁