
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I can't believe how quickly time passes. My term as ORNAC President will be coming to an end in just a few months. It has, so far, been an extremely busy and exciting term. When I took office as ORNAC President I had goals and objectives that I wanted to achieve. This included addressing priorities within the ORNAC strategic plan. These were not just my priorities. They were the priorities of many, if not all, ORNAC members as perioperative colleagues.

I would like to update you on some exciting work the ORNAC Board and Executive has been doing on your behalf (aligned with our strategic plan).

On November 4, 2016 ORNAC, in collaboration with CNA, hosted a Roundtable. An enthusiastic group of ORNAC and CNA representatives, from across Canada, gathered in Ottawa for this workshop that was an important step in moving toward the ultimate goals:

- To successfully support patient safety by addressing model of care staffing decisions to support the delivery of safe, evidence-based, nursing care in perioperative environments/surgical suites;
- Create a series of resources on safe staffing models of care for the perioperative environment as developed by ORNAC and CNA;

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."

- John F. Kennedy

- Create an environment that fosters information sharing, collaborative work and consensus building;
- Use multiple sources of evidence to improve our understanding of the Canadian context in which we will achieve our stated goals; and
- Describe the role, accountabilities and competencies of the RN in operating room settings and the circulating role that will inform future work on models of care and the position statement.

Facilitators from InVizzen Knowledge Brokers Inc. guided the 24 participants through a series of short presentations and interactive sessions designed to gather perspectives on why it is essential to define the role of the RN in perioperative settings at this point in time. Throughout the day, the participants learned about the research evidence, frameworks, tools and models of care to support the desired goals, the provincial successes and challenges faced when attempting to apply evidence-based frameworks, and strategies for influencing change.

The presentations and discussions are outlined in a detailed report that will be

made available to ORNAC members. Based on the shared commitment to the ultimate goals, and the progress made at the one-day workshop, the ORNAC Executive determined it was imperative to proceed with a comprehensive strategy focused on the workshop results. A Core Action Team will guide the process. The members of the Core Action Team are myself, Pat Pocock, Kelly Chapman, Laurie Dawn-Boyer, Shaindel Egit and Aline Gagnon (all from ORNAC), Josette Rousseau from CNA, and the facilitators from InVizzen (Sheila Cook and Katie Mairs).

Starting in January 2017 the Core Action Team began building on the workshop results to create a multi-faceted influence strategy and support tools based on best practices. They will request feedback from ORNAC members, update and pilot the strategy, and launch the pan-Canadian strategy to influence operating room model of care decisions at the 2017 ORNAC National Conference. So much lies ahead! ✨

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