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# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## Journey to Guidelines:

### Part One “Who ‘OR’ we?”

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This is the first in a series of three articles outlining the process undertaken by the 2015-2017 ORNAC Standards Committee to transition from ‘Standards of Practice’ to ‘Guidelines for Practice’.

In this article you will be introduced to the members of the Standards Committee. ORNAC Standards fall under the purview of the Professional Practice Pillar which is currently chaired by ORNAC Past President Rupinder Khotar. The committee itself consists of 8 perioperative nurses, from across Canada, with excellent academic qualifications and a great depth of experience. The Standards Committee will review and revise section 3 and section 4 of the ORNAC Standards before the 13th Edition is sent to print. They will have answered questions from the general membership and, where the answers impact a Standard, from anywhere in the document, that Standard will also be reviewed and revised accordingly. A minimum of the two sections (3 and 4) will have been validated by a third party, reviewed externally and endorsed where appropriate.

The committee is co-chaired by two of the eight perioperative nurses on the committee. The role of the two co-chairs is to oversee the process identified by the Standards Committee members for review, revision, initializing the validation process, and transitioning the current Standards format to become

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As an introduction to this committee I will start by introducing you to the Co-Chairs.

Corenia Price, RN, CPN(C), CMDRT is the Corenia Price, Regional Nurse Specialist Instrument Reprocessing/ Perioperative for Labrador Grenfell Health. Corenia has been a member of the ORNAC Board of Directors of ORNAC representing Newfoundland and Labrador (2006-2010 and 2014-2016) and is a second time member of the ORNAC Standards Committee who previously served from 2006-2010.

Chris Downey, RN, BScN, Dipl Critical Care, CPN(C), MSc, RNFA is the ORNAC Pillar Chair for Research and Nursing Informatics and works as an RN First Assist in Kingston, ON. Chris has served on the ORNAC Board as the representative for Ontario and as the Chair of the

Registered Nurse First Assistant Network of Canada (RNFANC). Chris is a three-time member of the ORNAC Standards Committee and last served from 2009- 2011.

Now let’s meet the members of the Standards Committee who have volunteered their time and expertise to strengthen and begin transforming the document:

Margaret Farley, RN, BSN, CPN(C) is presently a Faculty member, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, School of Nursing, Perioperative Nursing Program. Margaret is the ORNAC Provincial Council Representative for Saskatchewan. Margaret has served on the ORNAC Board as a provincial representative in the past and is a past member of the ORNAC Executive. She has served on the Standards committee in the past with her last term 2006-2007.

Erin Robertson, RN, BScN (Hons.), MN, CPN(C) is the Clinical Nurse Specialist, Perioperative Services at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, ON. Erin also holds a Diploma (honours) in Advertising and Public Relations. She

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is the current President of the Operating Room Nurses of Greater Toronto (ORNGT) and sits on the periOperative Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (ORNAO) board. This is Erin's first time as a member of the ORNAC Standards Committee.

Josée Sauriol, RN, BScN, ONDEC, operating room diploma, CPN(C) is a nurse educator at the CHU de Québec-Université Laval. She represents her province on the ORNAC board and is the President of the Corporation of Operating Room Nurses of Québec and is contributing to the Standards Committee for the second time.

Shaindel Egit, RN, BScN, MN, CPNC(C) Shaindel is a Clinical Nursing Educator for the Operating Room and Endoscopy at North York General Hospital, as well working casually as a staff nurse. Shaindel received the Miriam Bracken scholarship through the Registered Nurses Foundation Of Ontario in 2014. She also has memberships with RNAO and Sigma Theta Tau International. Shaindel received her Master of Nursing, with a focus in leadership, education and policy development in 2015. Shaindel has presented at both National and Provincial conferences. This is Shaindel's first opportunity to work the Standards Committee.

Heather Lithgow RN, BScN, MN, CPN(C) is a Patient Care Specialist in the OR/PACU at Lakeridge Health, one of the largest community hospitals in Ontario. Previously she has held clinical and leadership roles in endoscopy, surgical preadmission, operating room, and MDRD. Heather received her Masters of Nursing with a course focus in leadership, health policy and education in 2015. She is actively involved in the perioperative community as a past executive member and Program Convener for the Operating Room Registered Nurses Association of Greater Toronto (ORNGT), and a speaker both

nationally and provincially at conferences in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

Heather joined the standards committee for the first time this past year.

Lucia Pfeuti, RN, BN, CPN(C) is a Clinical Nurse Educator in the Operating Room at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary, Alberta. She has served on the ORNAC Board (2012-2014) and recently completed her term as Provincial Council Representative for Alberta (2014-2016). While on the ORNAC Board she participated as a member of the 2013 National Conference Planning Committee and the 2015 Standards Committee. She remained on the Standards Committee for an additional 1-year term to provide continuity from the previous committee.

Sylvie Beauregard, RN has 33 years' experience as a nurse at the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) and has been a team leader for 14 years. She is a graduate of the Université de Montréal and has been working in the surgery department since 1989. She is well known for her involvement with the Corporation of Operating Room Nurses of Québec and her passion for perioperative nursing, particularly risk management, infection control, perioperative nursing standards and the training of nurses and nursing assistants. In 2011-2012 she helped translate the standards and is currently doing so again for the 2017 standards.

Next time we will describe a new collaborative effort between ORNAC and Dr. Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, who, along with his students at Queen's University, in Kingston, ON, will validate the changes to the ORNAC Standards as they transition to Guidelines. The article will also describe the revision process, the addition of levels of evidence, and the timelines for the validation process. We hope you will enjoy reading our *Journey to Guidelines* series!