

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This is the last message I will write as President of the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC). Two years have passed so quickly. This has been a time of planning as ORNAC sets the groundwork for change. This change was necessitated by revisions to Industry Canada's Not for Profit Act as well as challenges facing ORNAC and healthcare as a whole.

Perioperative practice has, as I stated in my first President's Message, evolved dramatically over the past few decades. With this in mind ORNAC has analyzed its role in this evolution and developed a strategic plan to position the association to face the future. Change, although necessary, is never an easy task. Change and acting on opportunities consumes much time and energy... but the rewards are beneficial to all. The implementation of the strategic plan is now in progress. The time to be involved with ORNAC is now! The success of any organization is a result of its members. Become part of the change! In a very few years the new ORNAC will be fully established and ready for all new opportunities and challenges.

This has been a wonderful journey that began at the 2011 National Conference in Regina and this stage in my journey with ORNAC ends at the ORNAC National and International Conference with IFPN in Ottawa this April. My passion for perioperative nursing has not wavered during this journey and I now have a better understanding of the importance of the role ORNAC plays in the pursuit of excellence in patient care. At this time it is my pleasure to introduce you to Rupinder Khotar the 15th ORNAC President. I wish Rupinder all the best in her new role. ✨

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Rupinder Khotar RN, BScN, CPN(C), ORNAC President is the OR Nursing Supervisor at Providence Health Care – St. Paul's site, Vancouver, BC, and the Past Chair of the ORNAC Standards Committee.



This year ORNAC celebrates its 30th Anniversary - thirty years of promoting excellence through the development of perioperative professional practice and care standards, provision of perioperative nursing education, creation of networking opportunities for nurses and industry partners and pioneering growth through relationships with other health care stakeholders . ORNAC has evolved over the years and been sustained by the passion, vision, and connectedness of perioperative nurses who saw the potential in collaboration across the entire country. What started as isolated efforts to mobilize operating room nurses, in a handful of provinces, has become a national group dedicated to perioperative nursing practice and patient care.

It is fitting that a review is being done on the future direction of the organization. The strategic plan implementation is underway and will bring significant change in the next couple of years. ORNAC will reach out to individual members across Canada and bring attention to those issues that affect perioperative nursing practice and overall patient care. Now is the time to be part of the change. Add your voice to the national perioperative voice and allow its power to resonate.

Congratulations to ORNAC for 30 years of dedication and commitment to excellence in perioperative nursing. It is with tremendous gratitude to those who have served the organization over the years that I would like to thank you all. I also thank you for the honour of serving ORNAC as its next President. I wish Past President, Karen Frenette, every success in her future endeavours. ✨

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rupinder Khotar".