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Medline's new patent-pending EcoDrape is the only eco-friendly surgical drape available today. Made of more than 96% wood pulp, EcoDrape will biodegrade in only two to five months in a landfill – polypropylene drapes take hundreds of years to break down. EcoDrape has all the same great features as other Medline drapes, including hook-and-loop line holders, large reinforcement zones, and premium tape and incise film flush to the fenestration.

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Composition Comparison		
	EcoDrape	SMS
Fibers	More than 96% wood pulp	No wood pulp
Petrochemical ingredients (plastics)	0%	100% PP
Additives	Bio-based	Fluorine

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President's Message



This is my last message to you as ORNAC's President. Two years have gone by quickly and it has been a privilege to represent you. I have taken your support and encouragement into many meetings with diverse groups for the purpose of establishing and confirming ORNAC's role as a key player in perioperative nursing practice and patient safety.

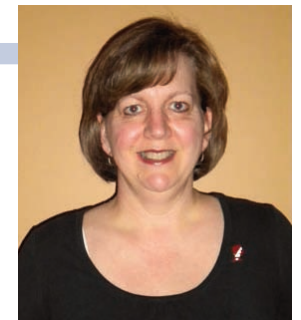
The current and predicted rate of change in healthcare led ORNAC to reassess its goals, structure, and culture and develop a strategic plan for the future. These activities have created enormous challenges that are energy-consuming but also revitalizing and rewarding.

As nurses we can no longer remain as we are today. We must become comfortable with chaos and adopt a new perspective on change. We must develop adaptive skills to manage conflict and the astuteness to position ourselves in arenas where significant decisions are being made. In other words, it is time to begin "walking the walk" rather than merely "talking the talk".

My journey with you as the 13th ORNAC President will end at the national conference in Regina. It is my great pleasure to introduce you to the 14th President of ORNAC, Karen Frenette. During the past 2 years I have observed Karen's balanced approach to contentious discussions and appreciated the wisdom she brings to the issues facing ORNAC. Karen has a commitment to the pursuit of excellence in patient care and I wish her all the best in her new role. 🍁

Bonnie W. McLeod

Bonnie W. McLeod, RN, BScN, MN, CPN(C), is Clinical Nurse Educator - Perioperative, Fraser Health Authority, Ridge Meadows Hospital site, the ORNAC representative on the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, and the past Chair of the ORNAC Standards committee.



From the first day I entered an Operating Room as a naïve student nurse, I knew that this was where I wanted to work. The "passion" that I developed for perioperative nursing many years ago remains alive and well today. It is with this passion that I begin to represent the members of ORNAC in the role of President.

Perioperative practice has evolved dramatically over the past few decades and ORNAC has begun the process of analyzing its role in this evolution through the development of a Strategic Plan. With the guidance of this new strategic direction we will move forth, ever conscious of the history that exists, and evolve as a leader in perioperative practice and patient safety.

The success of any organization is dependent on its members. As members, and leaders, each and every perioperative nurse has a role to play. Become involved in your provincial perioperative organization. ORNAC wants your input and involvement today and beyond! I look forward to working with members of the Executive and the Board as we prepare for the challenges in perioperative practice... today and into the future! 🍁

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