



The OR Goes Green

EcoDrape™ – the only TRULY eco-friendly surgical drape

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.

Try the new EcoDrape and take your OR to the next level of green!

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

To schedule a FREE demonstration of the EcoDrape contact your Medline representative, call 1-800-396-6996 or visit www.medline.com.



President's Message

*"If you want to go fast - travel alone,
If you want to go far – travel together."
- Massai African Tribe legend*

The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses' (AORN) Past President, Jeannie Botsford, cites Tecker for a definition of strategic planning as "the process of identifying key activities and innovative occurrences that will guide and move the organization forward".¹ The ORNAC leaders of the past laid the foundation for the organization's success through strategic planning. Your current leaders, recognizing the importance of the strategic planning activity, began the formal process in August 2010. The Executive and representatives of the provinces and affiliate groups examined the external realities affecting the association and reviewed the internal strengths that the provincial members bring to the profession.

At the fall Board meeting ORNAC Executive Director, Catherine Harley, presented the strategic plan that had been being refined since the summer meeting. Three strategic priorities have evolved from the discussions to date: demonstrate leadership in patient safety; enable best practices in perioperative patient care; and advance perioperative practice. The three priorities can be summarized as the vision statement "Leaders in perioperative practice and patient safety." Throughout December and January, the members of the provinces were invited to provide comments and critique in preparation for a further strategic plan revision. The final version, and the operational blueprint, will be presented to the Board at the Annual General Meeting on May 9, 2011.

The focus of the strategic plan is to determine what ORNAC needs to do in order to create a sustainable association. It became apparent, during the strategic work, that we cannot predict where the health care industry is heading nor can we set our sites on a fixed point as such a target might not exist in the next few years. It became evident that future success will depend on the ability to be innovative and to foster relationships with key professional perioperative partners – especially the ORNAC membership. Our future also lies in demonstrating and

promoting our value to patients, to the community of perioperative practitioners, and to healthcare decision makers.



As your President I challenge every member of each province to actively engage in the process of strategic planning. It all begins with you! I also want to hear your thoughts on strategic planning for the association. We are all part of the ORNAC team and, as such, all have the responsibility to plan for the future.

ORNAC's evolution over the years has been phenomenal and I am truly privileged to have been a part of the journey. My term as President will conclude at the 22nd National conference in Regina, SK. On page 18 is my invitation for each of you to attend. The National Conference Planning Committee has coordinated a fantastic event – educational sessions with outstanding presenters, social activities that will showcase the hospitality of the province, and the opportunity to network with colleagues. ORNAC is very grateful to our industry partners who have continued the tradition of providing sponsorship and support for this event.

I hope to see you in Regina, SK, from May 8 to 13! I welcome your comments and can be reached at president@ORNAC.ca. 🍁

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References

1. Botsford, J. "The past is a prologue to the future" AORN Journal. 67.1 (1998): 8.

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