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President's Message

Creating a Culture of Safety

Patient safety has long been considered a priority in Canada – provincially and nationally. Within the last few years, however, the profile of patient safety initiatives has skyrocketed. Numerous initiatives and organizations have been launched in an effort to improve the safety of Canadian patients throughout the healthcare spectrum. Current provincial initiatives include Health Quality Councils established in some provinces to report on quality, safety and performance of health services and health systems. Other provinces have created patient safety task forces to promote and facilitate activities that have a positive impact on patient safety. Developing a culture of open communication to report adverse events or “near misses” has also been on every province’s agenda in healthcare. Open exchanges about adverse events and systems leads to a better understanding of where and why errors occur.

There are also many national initiatives that have patient safety as their main purpose, including: Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI), Safer Health Care Now! Campaign, Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), and the CNA Patient Safety Resource Guide. ORNAC is actively involved with many of the national initiatives and will continue to welcome future opportunities to have a voice in patient safety initiatives that either directly relate to or impact on perioperative practice.

A focus on patient safety issues gives health care providers, administrations, and governments the opportunity to bring

about changes and improvements in our practices and in our workplace environments. The direct results will benefit perioperative Registered Nurses and our patients. We all have the ability and the responsibility to identify patient safety issues, within our realm of practice, and to influence change.



In order to meet the demands of an ever-changing healthcare environment, ORNAC will continue to be proactive towards change in the future. It will continue to stand by its mandate to focus on the promotion and advancement of excellence in the provision of safe patient care in the perioperative environment and the professional growth of perioperative Registered Nurses.

Creating a culture of safety in healthcare should be everyone’s mission. Our patients deserve it!

Wishing you and your family a happy and peaceful holiday season.... ❁

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