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Much like a bee sting, sensitivity to latex allergens can cause unexpected reactions in some individuals — from swelling and hives to anaphylactic shock. Beekeepers go about their work knowing they have a proven barrier against allergens. Both healthcare professionals and patients who are sensitive to natural rubber latex need the same assurance. Duraprene™ Synthetic Surgeon's Gloves are manufactured without natural rubber and thus contain no natural rubber allergens. In addition, these gloves offer the fit and feel of traditional latex surgeon's gloves. For those sensitive to natural rubber latex, Duraprene™ Synthetic Surgeon's Gloves are the most fitting alternative.

Special Synthetic Formulation

- Ideal for those sensitive to natural rubber latex

- Contains no natural rubber allergens
- Irritancy Potential Test indicates low risk of irritation*
- Free of additives most likely to cause irritations — Thiuram (TMTD) and Mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT)

Common Latex Additives		Content in Duraprene™
Likelihood of Sensitization		
Thiuram (TMTD)	HIGH	NONE
Mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT)	LOW	NONE

Superior Strength and Durability

- Significantly surpasses ASTM strength requirements as measured by standard ASTM strength tests
- Thickness surpasses ASTM requirements by more than 70%*

Uncompromising Quality and Barrier Protection

- Each glove 100% inspected
- Manufactured with rigorous statistical process controls
- Exceeds ASTM standards for quality

Exceptional Comfort

- Specially formulated synthetic compound assures fit and feel comparable to latex
- Anti-slip bisque finish provides firm grip without compromising tactile sensitivity
- Patented three-plane mold design with independent thumb reduces hand fatigue



*Data on file.

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Dialogue With ORNAC

By Vija Hay, RN, CPN (C)

In my previous President's Message I wrote about the National Conference in 1997, and the opportunity for delegates to dialogue with ORNAC Board of Directors. I want to elaborate on this topic.

At the September, 1996 Board meeting I addressed the future direction of ORNAC, and the need for assessment of ORNAC. To be an effective organization, it is essential that we as the Executive and Board know what operating room nurses regard as the issues in their professional lives, and recognize how well ORNAC serves the membership.

To begin the process we will initiate a self evaluation of ORNAC, and will hold a Forum at the '97 Conference to identify and discuss key issues for nurses in perioperative nursing. We need to know the real world of our members and the real needs, not just what we as an Association perceive them to be.

I have been fortunate this past year to be invited to attend Provincial Conferences across the country. My message to provincial delegates has been to encourage dialogue with ORNAC. Being at these conferences gave me the opportunity to talk to many O.R. nurses

and discuss the concerns they have about perioperative nursing. It also gave me encouragement and pride to see how well the conferences were organized, large and small, the excellent choice of topics and presenters, and as well, the local support from exhibitors.

For me it is important to know the pulse of the membership, so that I am able to make recommendations and statements about perioperative nursing to other national and international organizations. I regularly report on key and emerging issues in perioperative nursing to CNA.

I look forward to our dialogue in April in Ottawa. Prepare for the ORNAC Forum: identify your three major key and emerging issues. Bring these to the Forum, or mail them to me or your Board member for discussion and recommendation. The main issues will be identified, collated, followed up, and distributed or published. Recommendations for action can then be incorporated in ORNAC's future directions.

Prepare, participate and prosper through progress.

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'97 National Conference Planning Committee

Photo: Front row (l to r:) Judi Tyndall, Protocol/Publicity, Rosemarie Atwill, Co-Chair Hospitality Convenor, Vija Hay, Chair, Araina Clark, Hostess/Convenor, Diane Aboud, Exhibitor Convenor. Back row (l to r:) Wilma MacDonald, Registration Convenor, Janet MacCullough, Protocol/Publicity Convenor, Alaine Young, Exhibitors, Sharon Ball, Program, Heather Macdonald, Secretary/Treasurer. Absent: Mindy Shinoff, Program.

