

# Why there's safety in numbers.

100% INSPECTED

Biogel® Gloves are setting the standards for safety, and we have the figures to prove it.

**NEW RISKS. NEW STANDARDS.** A few years ago, price and comfort were the primary considerations in selecting surgeons' gloves. But today, with the ever-present threat of deadly HIV and HBV, dependable barrier protection is more crucial than ever. That's why Biogel® Gloves are 100% air inflation-tested and physically inspected. Our commitment to total quality is responsible for an in-use failure rate that is three to five times lower than that of competitive gloves. While some manufacturers claim "greater tensile strength" based on their own lab testing, Biogel Gloves have proven themselves time and time again in actual surgical procedures.

**TRULY DERMA-COMPATIBLE.** Biogel has also assumed the leadership role in tackling latex-related skin problems by drastically reducing their causes. Through the patented Biogel manufacturing process, comprehensive rinsing and leaching reduces levels of highly allergenic extractable latex proteins. According to a recent study using the new ultra-sensitive Guthrie LEAP© assay method, Biogel Gloves were found to have nearly undetectable levels of these proteins. And Biogel Gloves are made without adding potentially harmful chemicals such as thiurams, used by other glove manufacturers in the curing process. In addition, the patented Biogel lining buffers the wearer from direct contact with the latex. These factors make Biogel Powder-Free Gloves truly derma-compatible and hypoallergenic.

**POWDER-FREE. PYROGEN-FREE.** In addition, post-op problems caused by powder and other particulates, as well as those associated with pyrogens, have been virtually eliminated. This is the direct result of the unique process and the clean room conditions in which Biogel Gloves are produced and packaged. In fact, Biogel Gloves surpass the rigorous guidelines set by the U.S. Government for making the claim "pyrogen-free."

Modern surgeons' gloves must meet higher safety and performance standards than ever. Regent is proud to take the lead in setting highly stringent clinical criteria, and we challenge other gloves to try to measure up. These days, the stakes are much too high for compromise.

For outstanding barrier protection, comfort and performance, depend on the full line of Biogel Gloves—Biogel Surgeons' for surgery, Biogel M for microsurgery, and Biogel Diagnostic for non-sterile procedures.

For FREE glove samples or more information, call (800)763-6364.

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THE WORLD'S FINEST SURGEONS' GLOVES.™

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## Promoting Excellence

By Vija Hay, RN, CPN (C)

Our motto: "Promoting Excellence" captures the essence of ORNAC's Mission, Values and Vision Statements. The Mission Statement describes what ORNAC is all about:

"The Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada is an organization of Registered Nurses dedicated to:

- The Promotion and Advancement of Excellence in Perioperative Patient Care.
- The Professional and Personal Enhancement of Operating Room Nurses™.

The key words in ORNAC's Values Statement express our basic beliefs. They are:

**Knowledge,  
Collaboration,  
Respect,  
Professionalism and  
Continuous Quality.**

The Vision Statement of what we want ORNAC to be is to **Enhance and Advance Perioperative Nursing Practice.**

ORNAC has lived up to these Statements in many ways, the most significant at this time being Perioperative Certification. I am proud and pleased to announce that the first Certification Examination in June was a tremendous success. Many of you took the challenge in writing the first exam. Ninety-seven percent of the candidates met the certification requirements. I wish to acknowledge and congratulate all Operating Room Nurses who were certified in Perioperative Nursing and have earned the important professional credential CPN (C). **Well done!**

Certification in perioperative nursing confirms our commitment to nursing excellence and validates our professional and personal achievements.

Many of you demonstrated commitment and dedication to advancement of perioperative nursing by working with the Canadian Nurses' Association to develop the certification exam. I thank you for your contribution to "promoting excellence". It is now up to us to encourage all OR nurses to become certified.

The next step in our pursuit of excellence and professional growth is to make Advanced Practice a reality. We have an opportunity to expand the perioperative role to advance in the continuum to excellence. Much work has already been undertaken to explore, promote and develop the advanced perioperative practice in Anaesthesia and Surgery. But much work is still to be done.

Let us take the opportunity on November 14th, O.R. Nurses Day/Week to focus on "Promoting Excellence" for patient care and for professional and personal development. Share with your colleagues, other health care workers and the community your distinct expertise in perioperative nursing, your achievements and your vision of advanced practice. Celebrate your achievements and successes.

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